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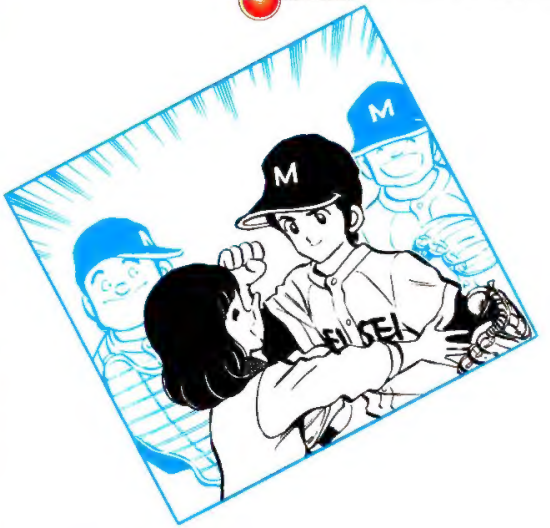

TOUCH

タッチ

★南のことで、達也がヤキモチをやいた!? 野球と南の
★ことは、和也におまかせだった、あの達也が……高等
★部進学と共に、達也と和也、そして南の胸の中で、なに
★かが変わろうとしていた。揺れ動くそれぞれの青春!!

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Although We Arrived
at High School...

★前巻までのあらすじ★

上杉達也と和也は、双子の兄弟。兄の達也は、努力という言葉に縁のない楽天家。反対に、弟の和也は、まじめで成績優秀な努力家。しかも、明青学園中等部では、野球部のエース。

そしてもう一人。上杉家のとなりに住んでるかわいい娘、浅倉南。

子供のころから大の仲よしだったこの三人。今では、和也と南は、だれもが認める間柄。ところが、達也と南は、だれもが認める間柄。

そんなある日、みんなそろって、やがて進む高等部を訪問。野球部をめざす和也に対し、達也は、悪友・原田正平と、女子テニス部をノゾキ見学。

さて四月、いよいよ高等部進学!!

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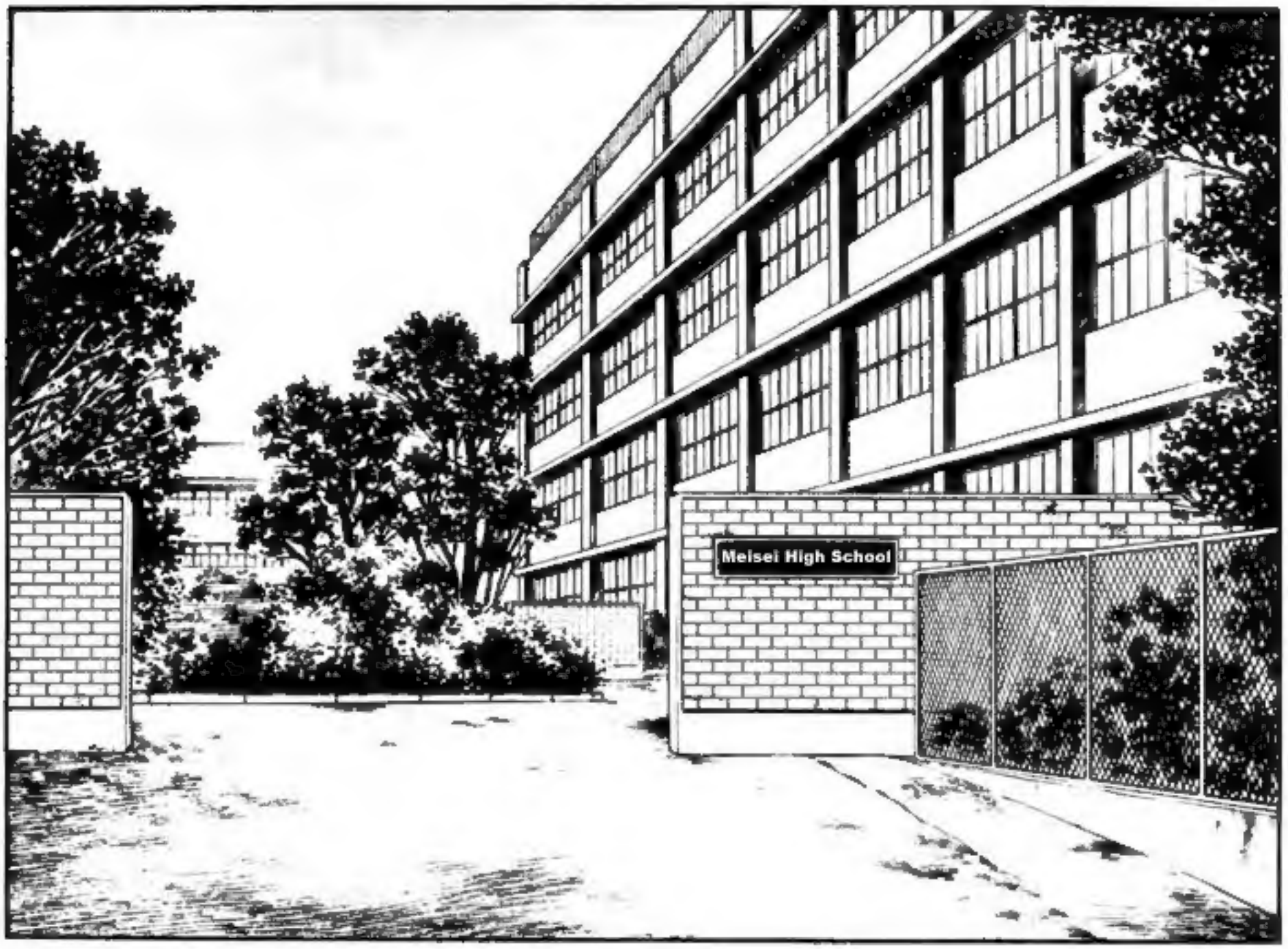
at High School...



57 Showa (1982)

Meisei High School Section

Entrance Ceremony

...The boring addresses of the dignitaries run past the ear...

If...

57 Showa - Meisei High School Section
Entrance Ceremony

...Have happily completed their entry!

...Then the new students...

We are flowering first-year high school students!

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PLEASE GIVE ME YOUR KIND REGARDS.

I'M SHIRAI, YOUR MATH INSTRUCTOR, AND I'VE COME TO BE IN CHARGE OF THIS CLASS NOW.

I-A

THAT IS ALL BY MERE CHANCE.

AND I, WHO HAVE BECOME YOUR HOMEROOM TEACHER AS WELL...

YOU, WHO HAVE BECOME MEMBERS OF THIS CLASS...

CHANCE CALLS OUT TO CHANCE, AND OUR RELATIONSHIPS EXTEND OUT.

OUR MEETING IS ALL BY CHANCE.

YE-E-ES!

OF COURSE, I'LL ALSO HAVE YOU STUDY, BUT...

Chance, huh...

DURING THE 3 YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL LIFE WHICH BEGIN FROM NOW...

THE CHANCES, THE MEET-INGS...

...ARE THINGS THAT I PRAY WILL BE CAREFULLY GROWN IN THE MIDST OF THOSE WONDERFUL HUMAN RELA-TIONSHIPS.

.....

I wonder if that's true...

LA-HAAA

VOLLEYBALL

NEW STUDENTS— A HUGE WELCOME!!

JOIN.

IF you're a man... Judo club.

Tomorrow... BOX!

SOCCER CLUB

Even 3-B's Tanaka.

This club's the springtime of youth!

Kendo club

INTRO-DUCE YOUR-SELF!

Come! Kendo Club

COME.

If you're a girl Adachi Mitsuru Fan Club

BUZZ

BUZZ

.....

YOU'RE NOT EXERCISING ENOUGH.

TATCHAN, YOU JOIN ONE, TOO.

WHICH ONE...?

JOIN...

YO, UESUGI! YOU WANT TO JOIN THE CLUB?

UESUGI?

UESUGI?

IT'S THE OLDER BROTHER.

OH NO... THE ORDINARY UESUGI.

DID YOU SAY, "UESUGI"?

THAT UESUGI?

HMF

OHH.

.....

WHISPER
WHISPER
WHISPER
WHISPER
WHISPER

.....

PLOP

OKAY, OKAY.

PLOP

PLOP

PLOP

PLOP

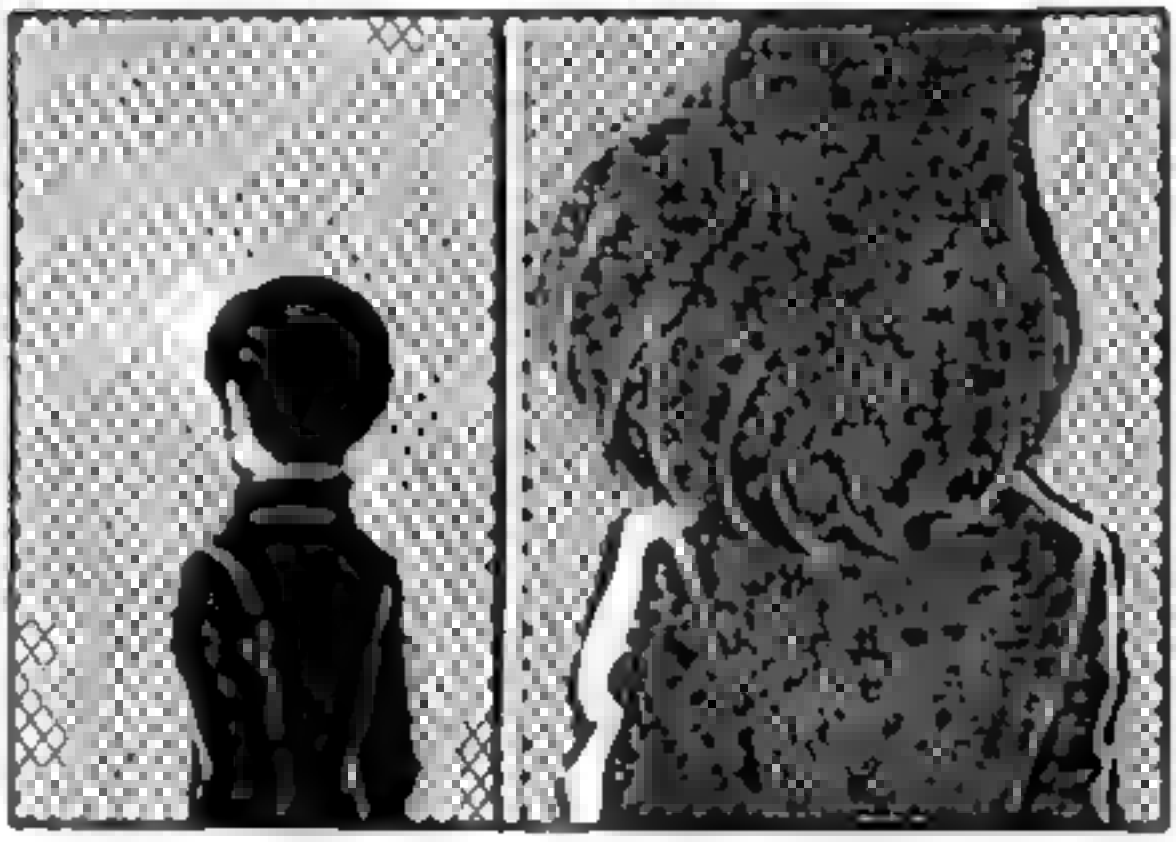
WHAT SHOULD I DO...?

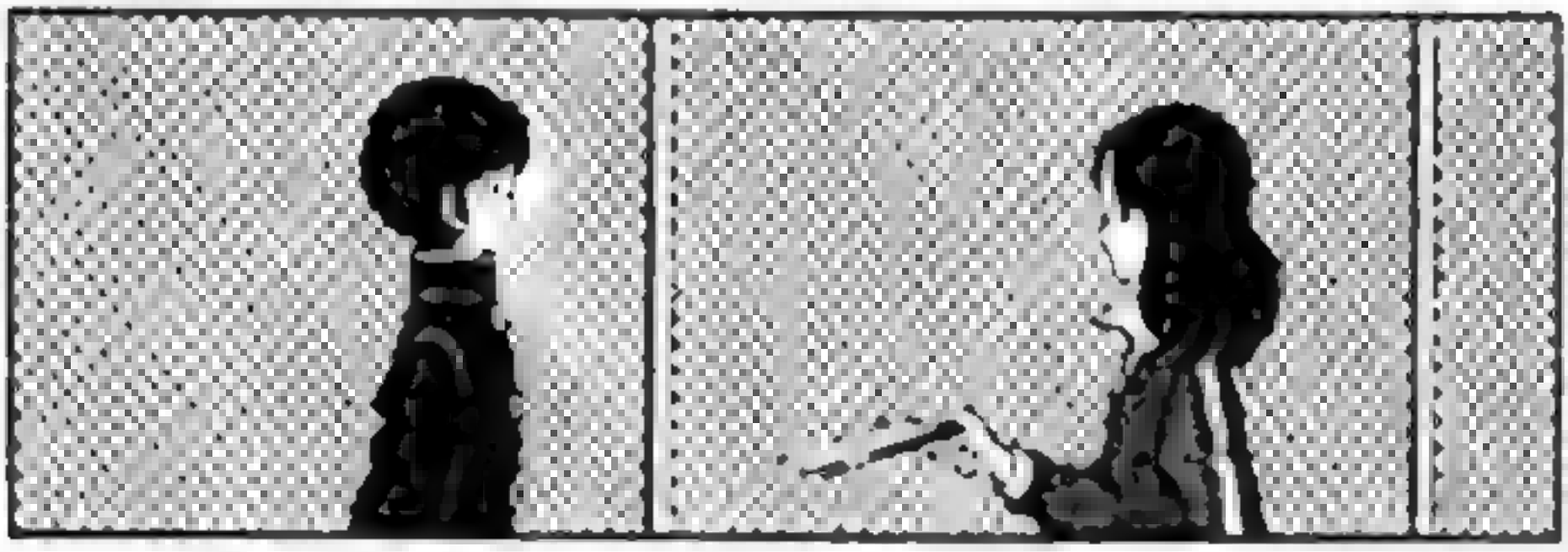
NOW THEN...

CLANNNK

CLANNNK

SFX: <CLANNNK>





EH?

WRITE
DOWN YOUR
CLASS &
AND NAME
PLEASE

YOU LIKE IT, DON'T YOU? BASEBALL...

OH NO I'M...

YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY HATE IT.

...EVEN MORE SO, YOU'RE TWINS.

AND...

BECAUSE YOU GREW UP ALL THIS TIME IN THE SAME SURROUNDINGS AS KAZUYA-KUN.

.....

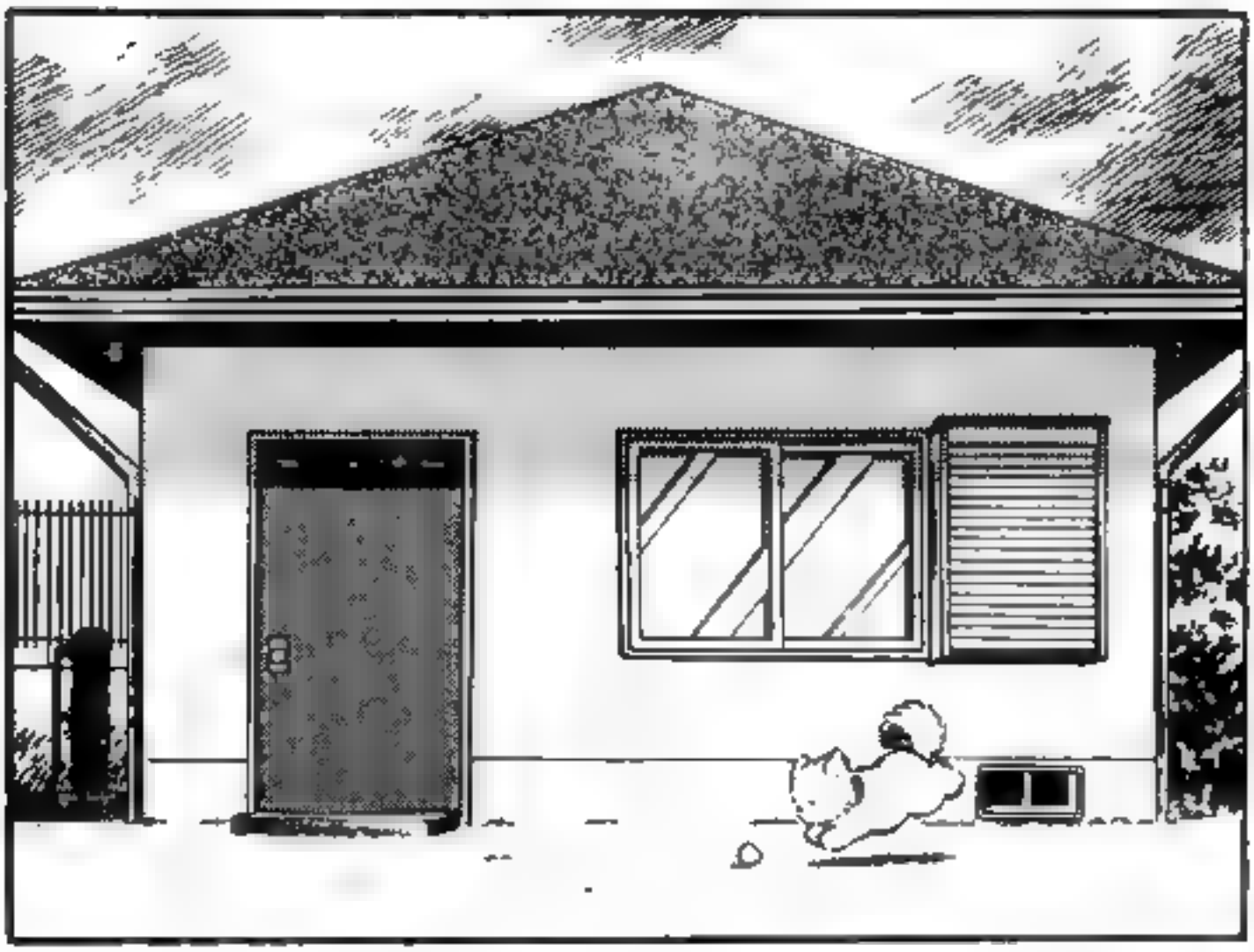
SFX. (SPLAT)

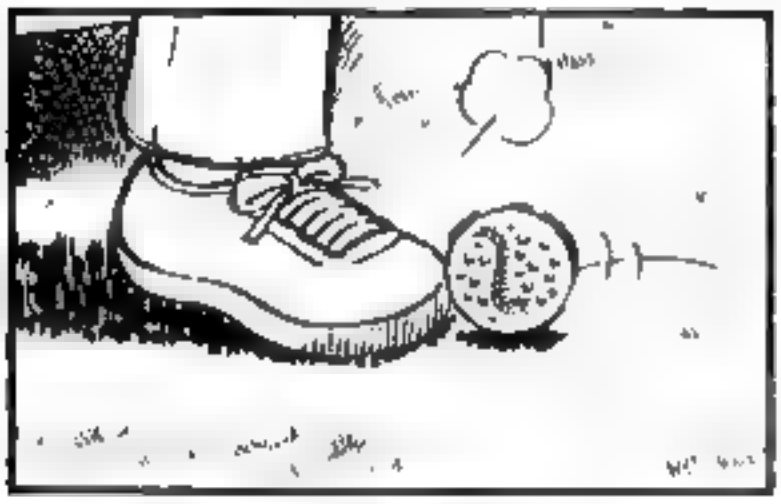
TOMORROW, I'LL GIVE YOU MY ANSWER.

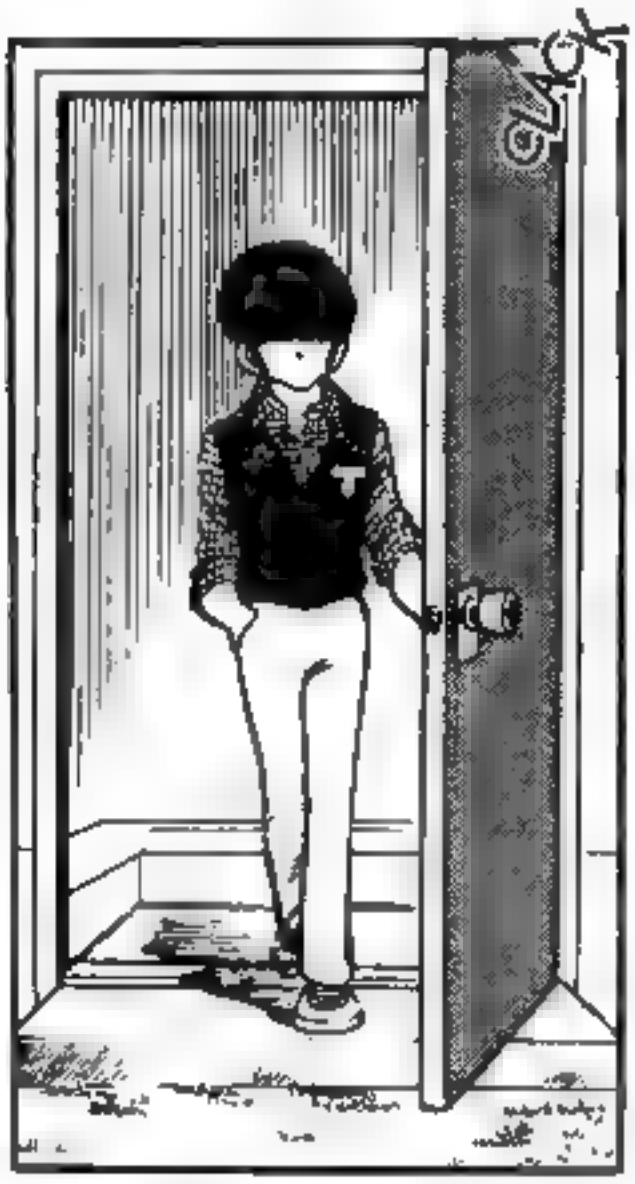
EH?

TOMOR-ROW..

ALL RIGHT ...







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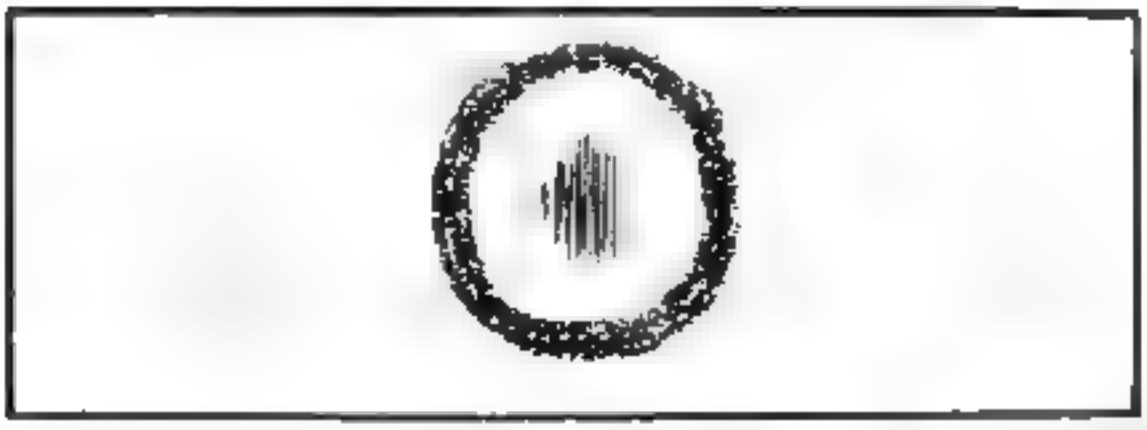

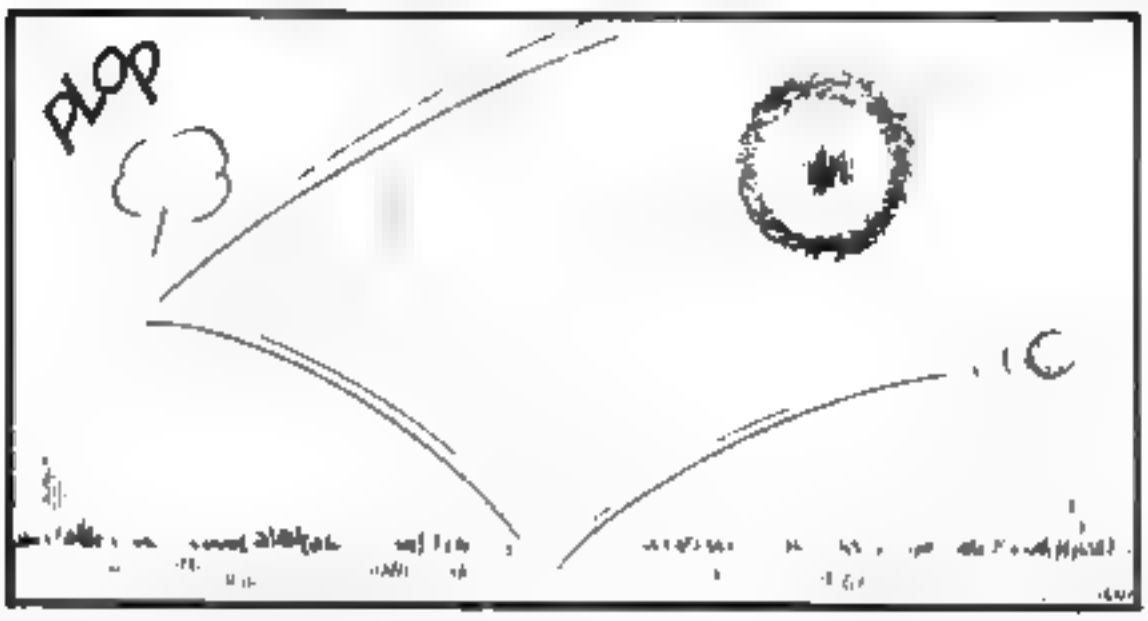
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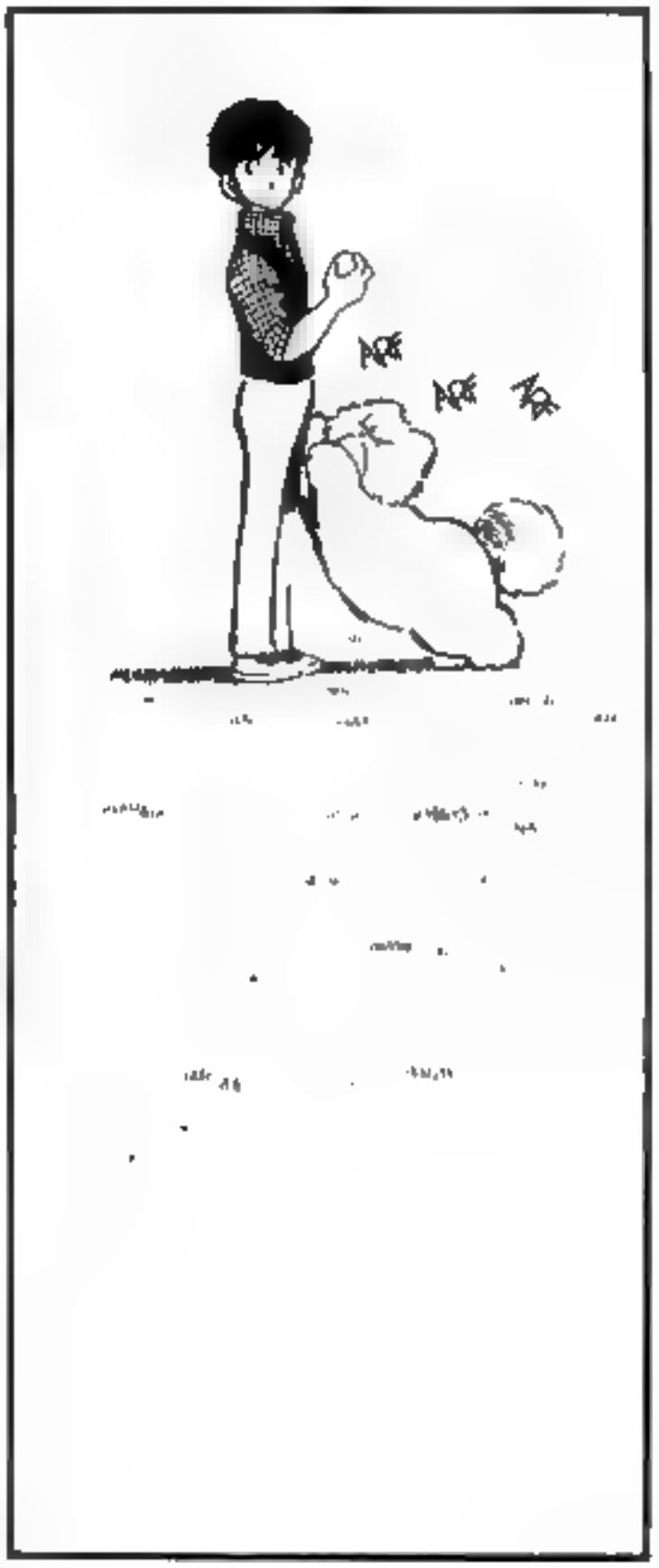
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YEAH!

SFX. <WHAM>

When I Decide Soon...

WHAP

WHAP

WHAP

PUNCH

WHOH

WHAM

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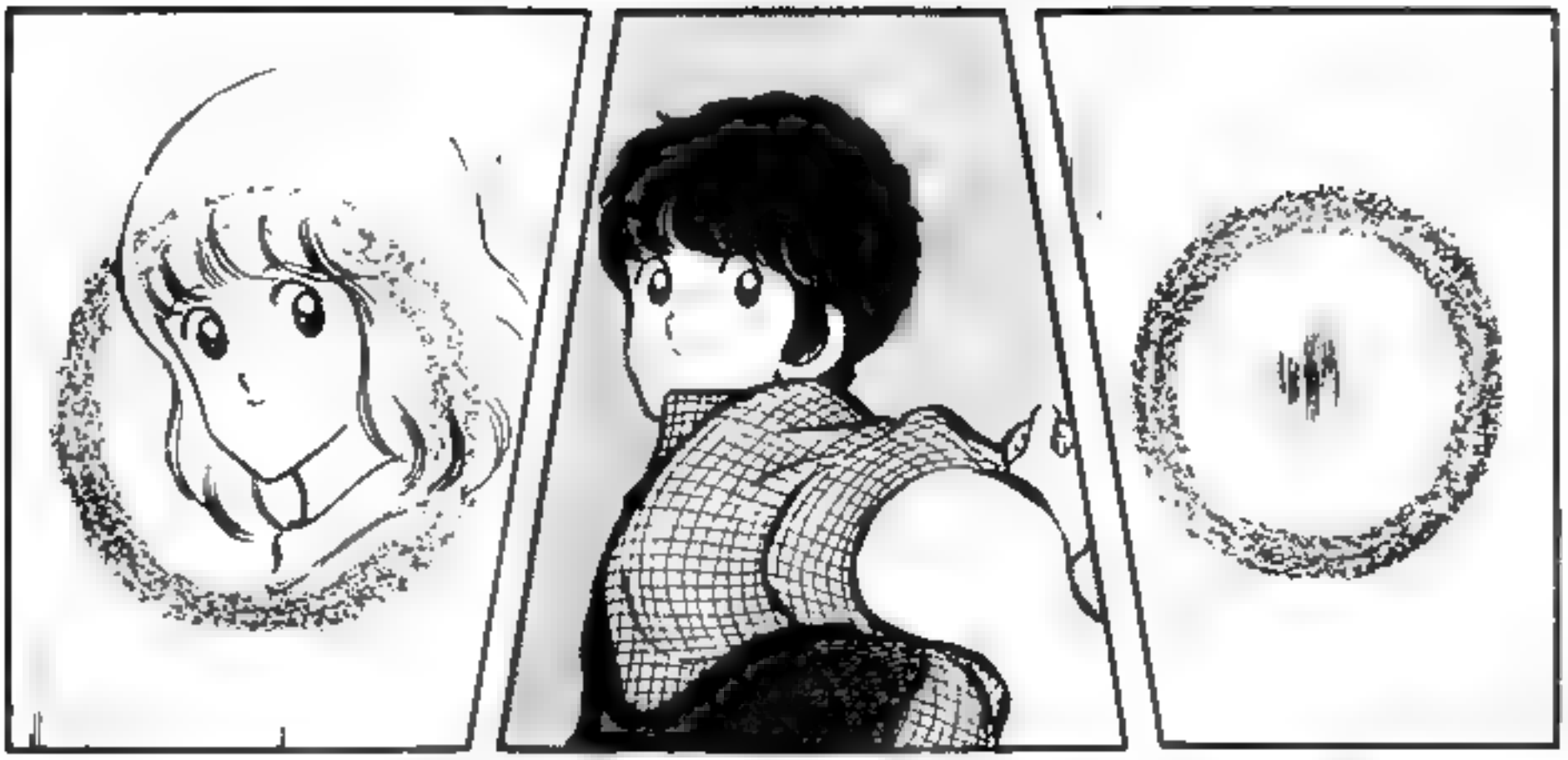

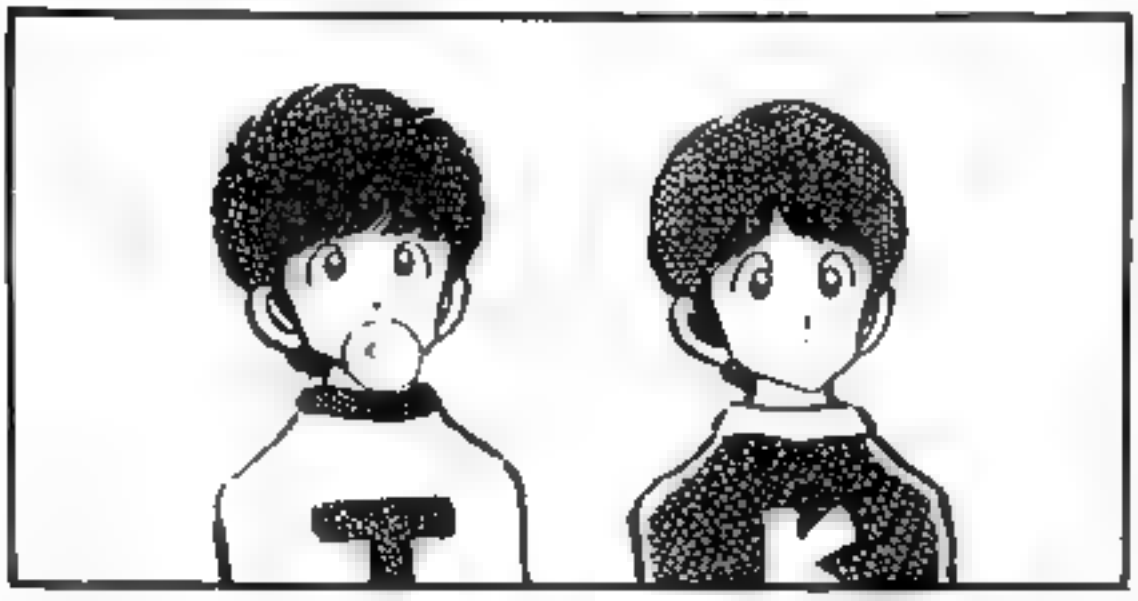

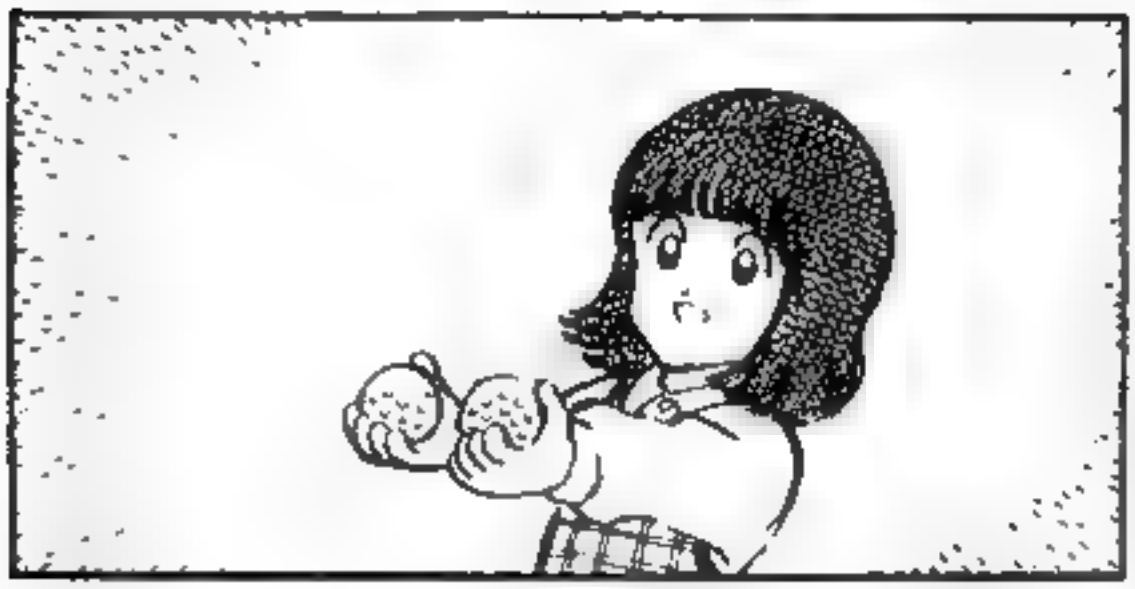

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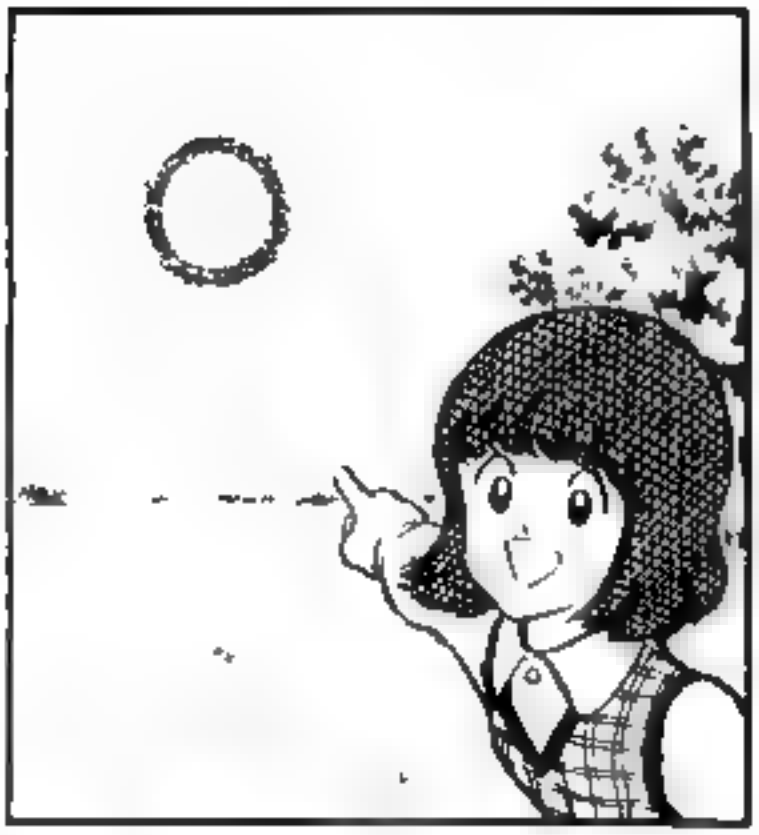
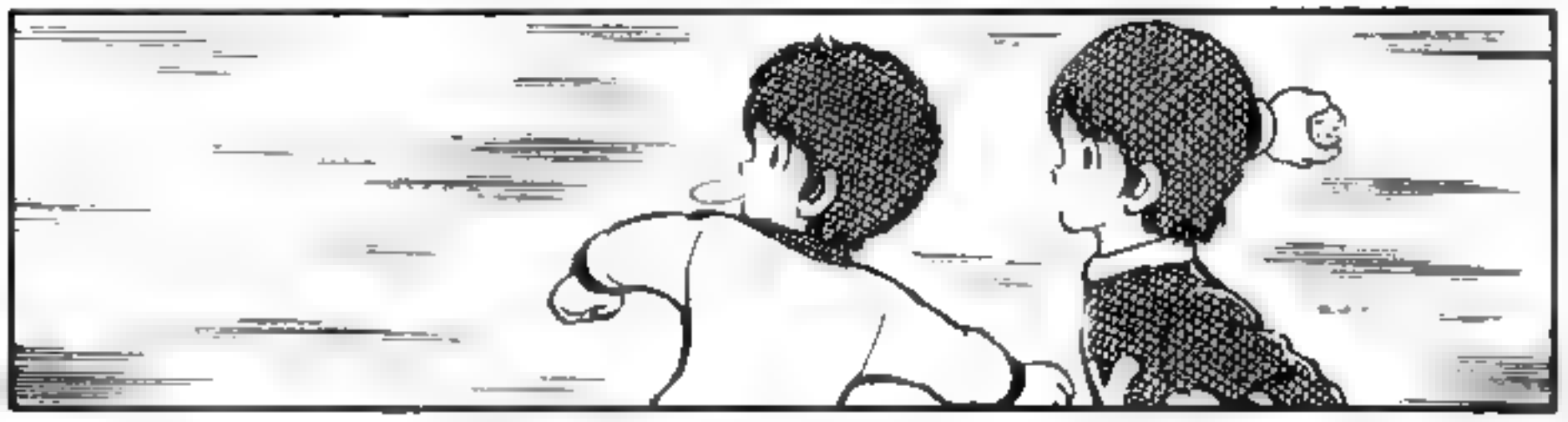

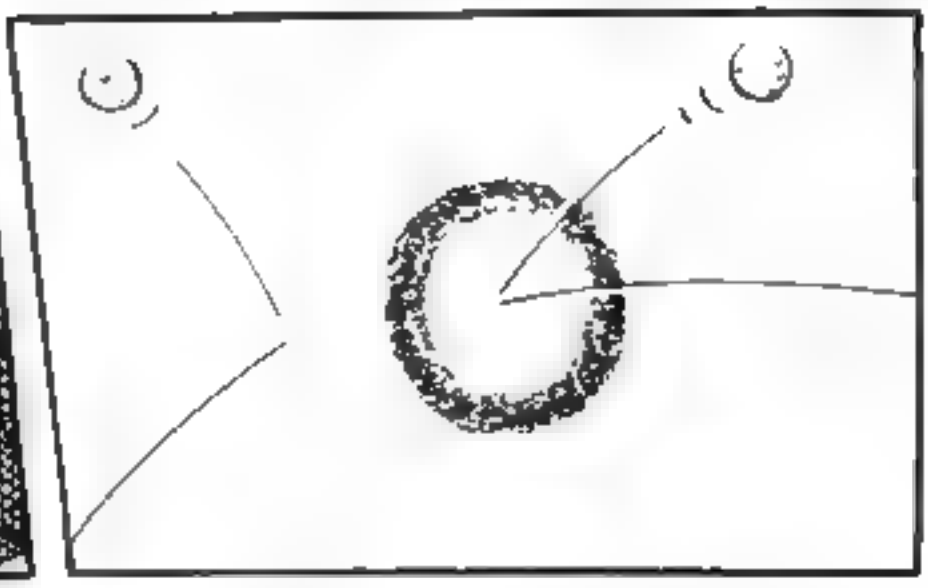
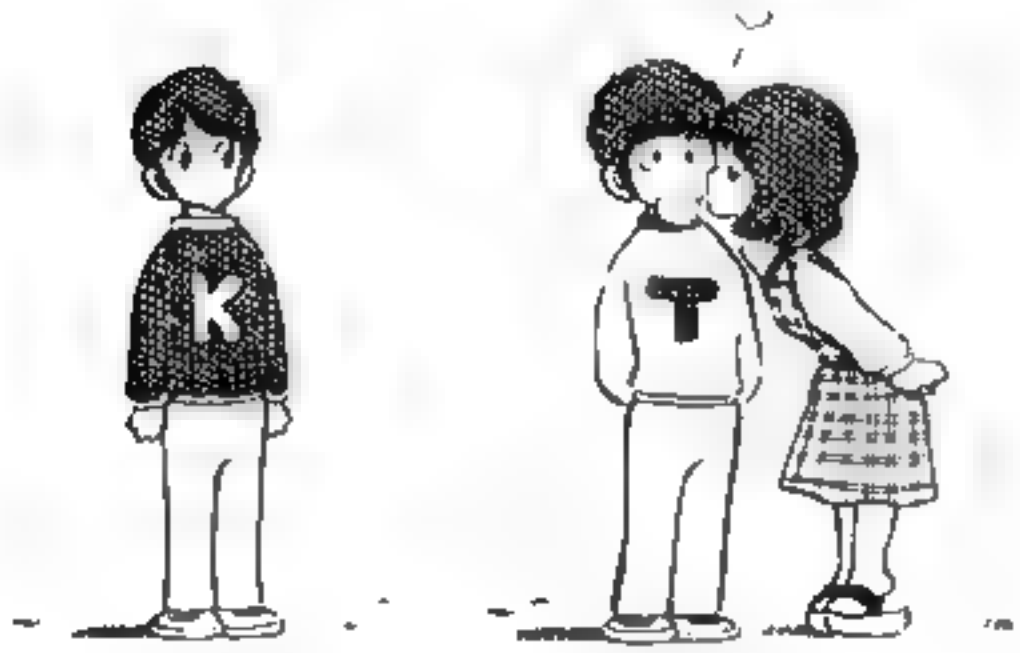

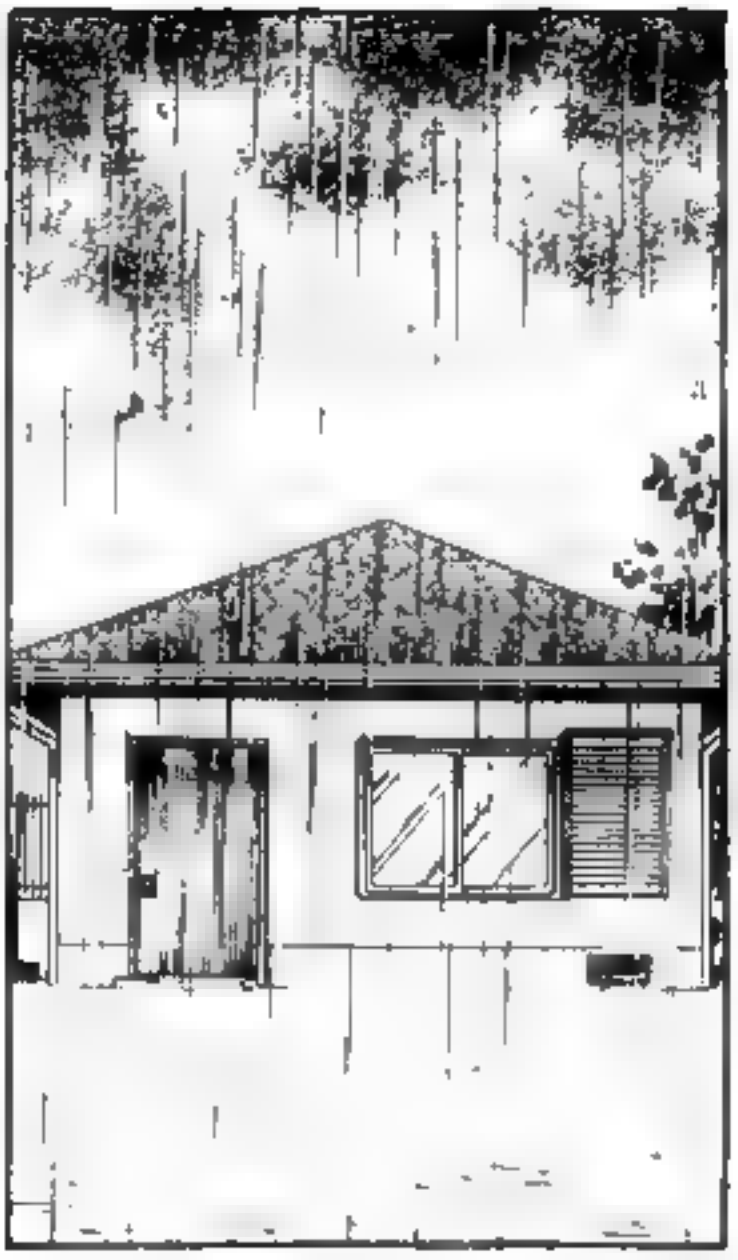

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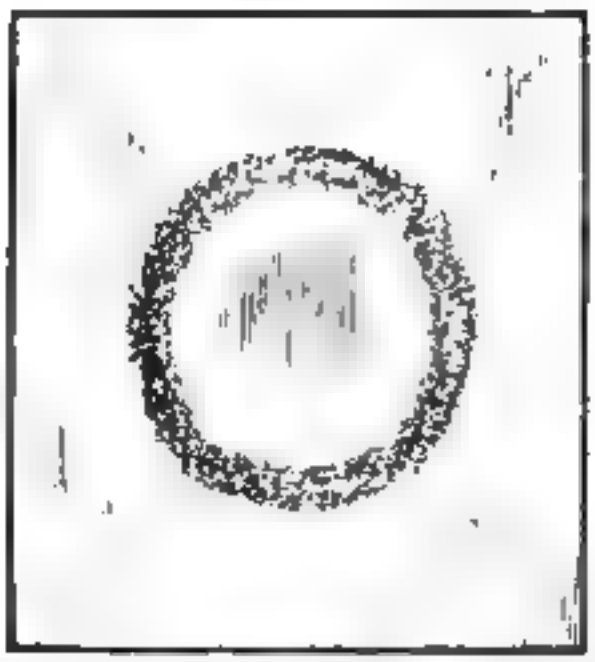
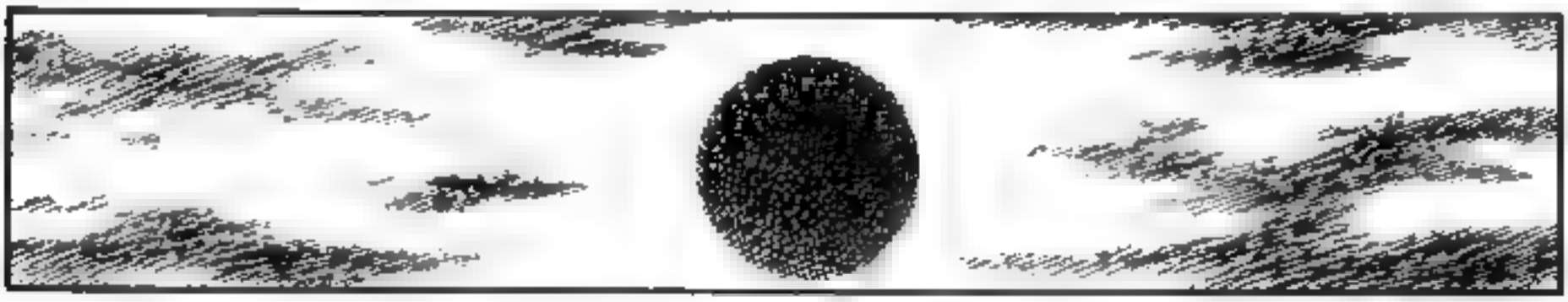




MINAMI- CHAN. OH, WELCOME.

GOOD EVENING!

WOW, IT LOOKS DELICIOUS.

HAVE SOME OF THIS, OBASAN.

MY FATHER DOESN'T LIKE IT SO MUCH.

WE GOT IT FROM A CUS- TOMER...

<OBASAN IS EQUIVALENT TO EITHER "AUNTIE" OR USED TO ADDRESS A MIDDLE-AGED LADY>

I'M SA-A-AVED.

THIS IS GREAT... I WASN'T SURE WHAT TO DO ABOUT DINNER.

I KNOW THAT.

OHH...

MMM, GOOD.

ARE STRAW- BERRIES.

THOSE ...

YES?

OBASAN ...

LA LA

OH WELL, THAT'S OKAY.

....

. . . . .

WHAT KIND OF SHAPE ARE YOU IN?

HI!

HI!

WAA

WAA

NOT BAD.

FORTUNATELY, I HAVEN'T BEEN HIT YET...

AREN'T YOU AFRAID, SWITCHING TO A HARD BALL?

SORTA.

THE BASE-BALL TEAM.

COMPARED TO JUNIOR HIGH, THE PRACTICE IS INTENSE, ISN'T IT?

DON'T GET INJURED, 'KAY?

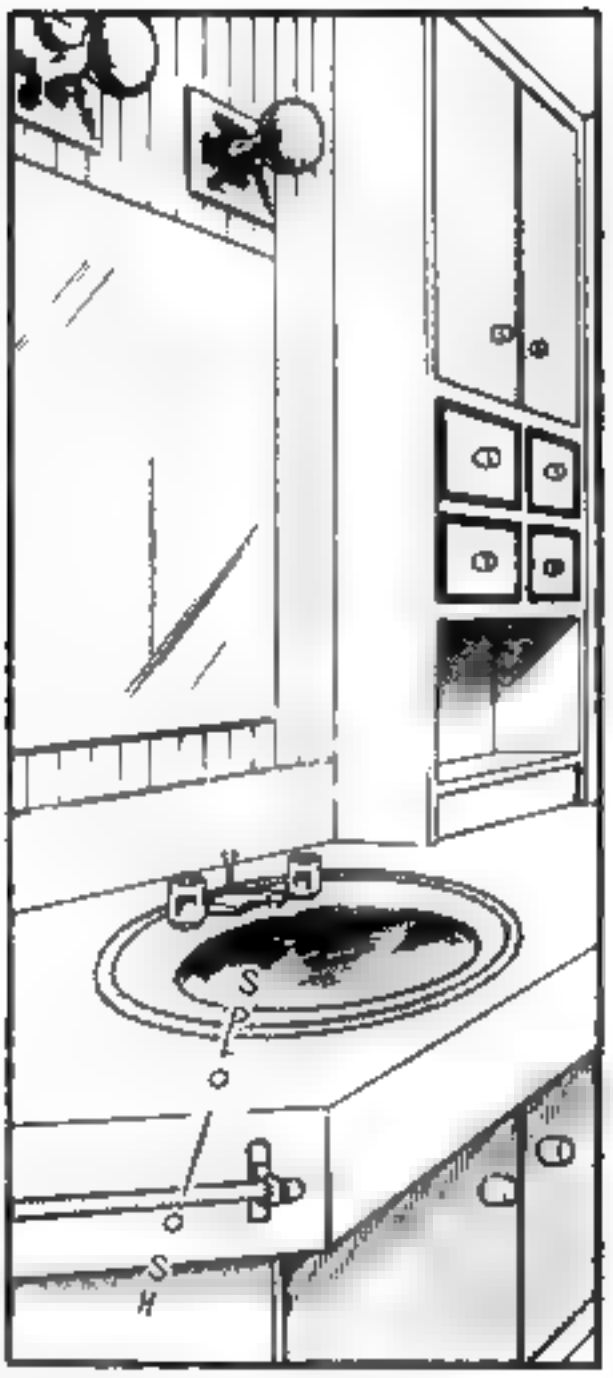
YEAH...

IN THE BATH.

WAA

WHERE'S TATCHAN?

YOU LIKE IT, DON'T YOU? BASEBALL...



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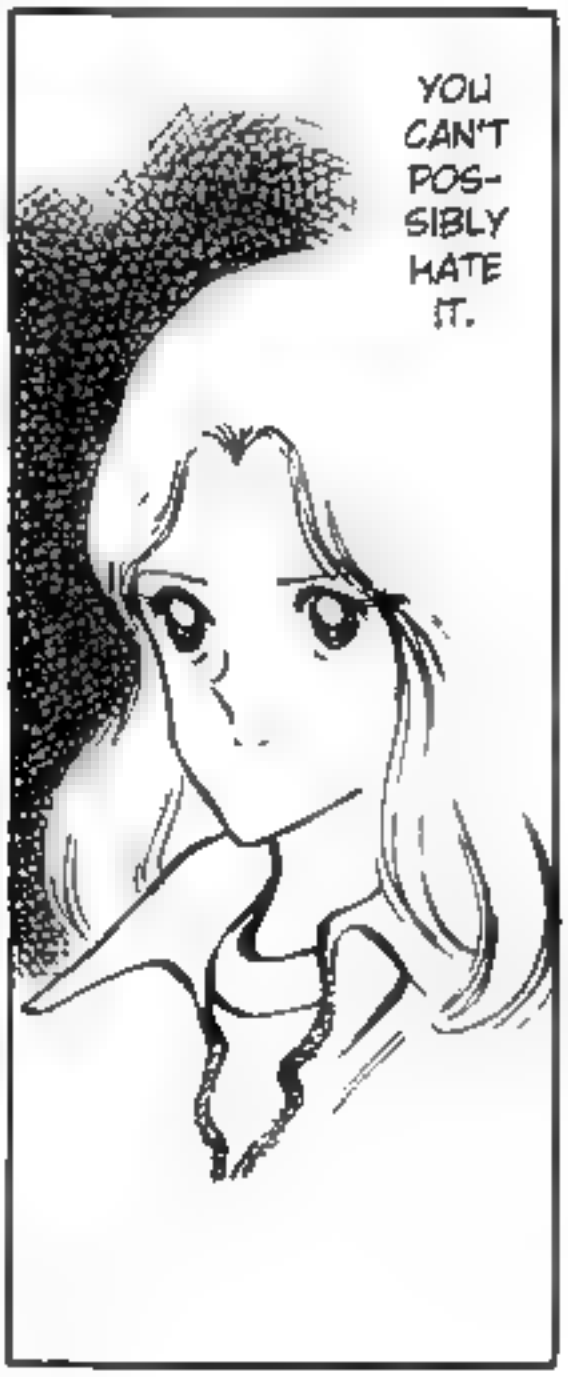


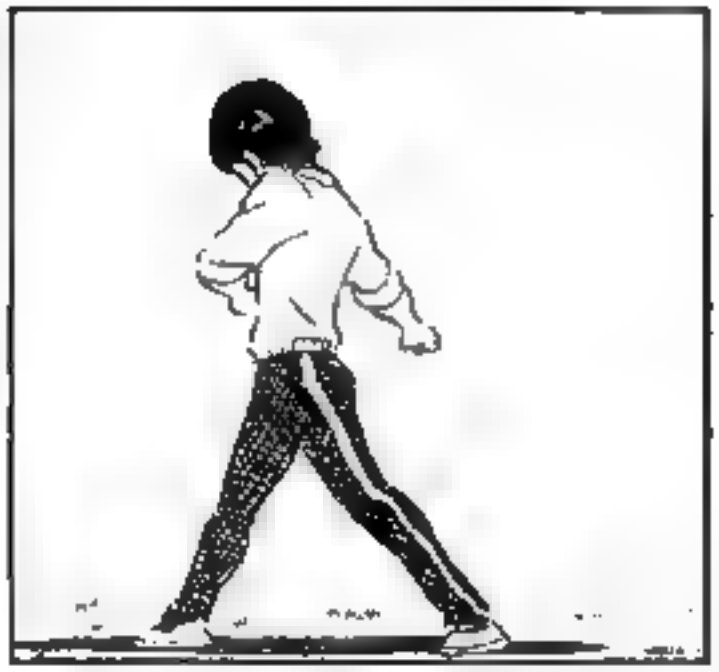
...YOU'RE TWINS.

CHIRP CHIRP CHIRP

PUNCH

WHAT'S WITH THE "OHH"?

OHH?



WHAT NERVE!

THAT YOU'VE GOTTEN UP EARLY LIKE THIS...

NOT SINCE THE SCHOOL EXCUR-SION, HUH...

YOU'LL GIVE YOUR ANSWER TODAY, WON'T YOU?

JOINING THE BASE-BALL TEAM.

HM?

—SPLASH

DID YOU DECIDE?

SQUEAK

YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT ME.

DO IT.

.....

I'LL BE COMPARED TO YOU AND TURN OUT PITIFUL?

WHY WOULD I WORRY ABOUT YOU?

THEN, WHAT DID YOU MEAN?

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT...

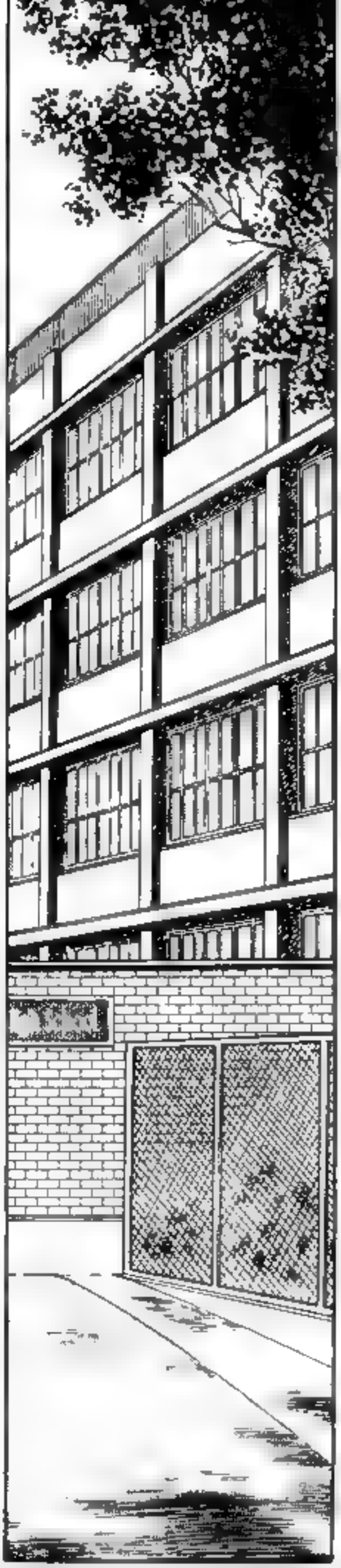
GARGLE GARGLE

I STRONGLY APPROVE OF YOU PLAYING BASEBALL, ANIKI.

ANY-WAY ...

.....

CLING
CLANG
CLONG



HELP ME CARRY THIS FOR A BIT.

AH, TATCHAN!

CRACK!

THREE FOUR! ...

YEAH, YEAH.

OKAY? LIFT IT.

JEEZ... HOW PATHETIC!

OW OW OW!

WHUMP

YOU'RE OUT OF SHAPE!

THAT'S WHY I TOLD YOU!

SUFFER THROUGH IT!

OWW WW!

HM?

...DID YOU DECIDE ON THE CLUB YOU'LL JOIN?

SO...

...ONCE YOU GROW OLD, YOU'LL BE SORRY.

IF YOU DON'T TOTALLY USE YOUR BODY BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE...

YES, YES.

WHAT'S SOON?

SOON...

WHAT WILL YOU DO? HAVE YOU DECIDED?

HUH?

INSTEAD OF ME, WHAT ABOUT YOU?

ANY ONE'S FINE, SO HURRY UP AND DECIDE!

WHAT IS IT?

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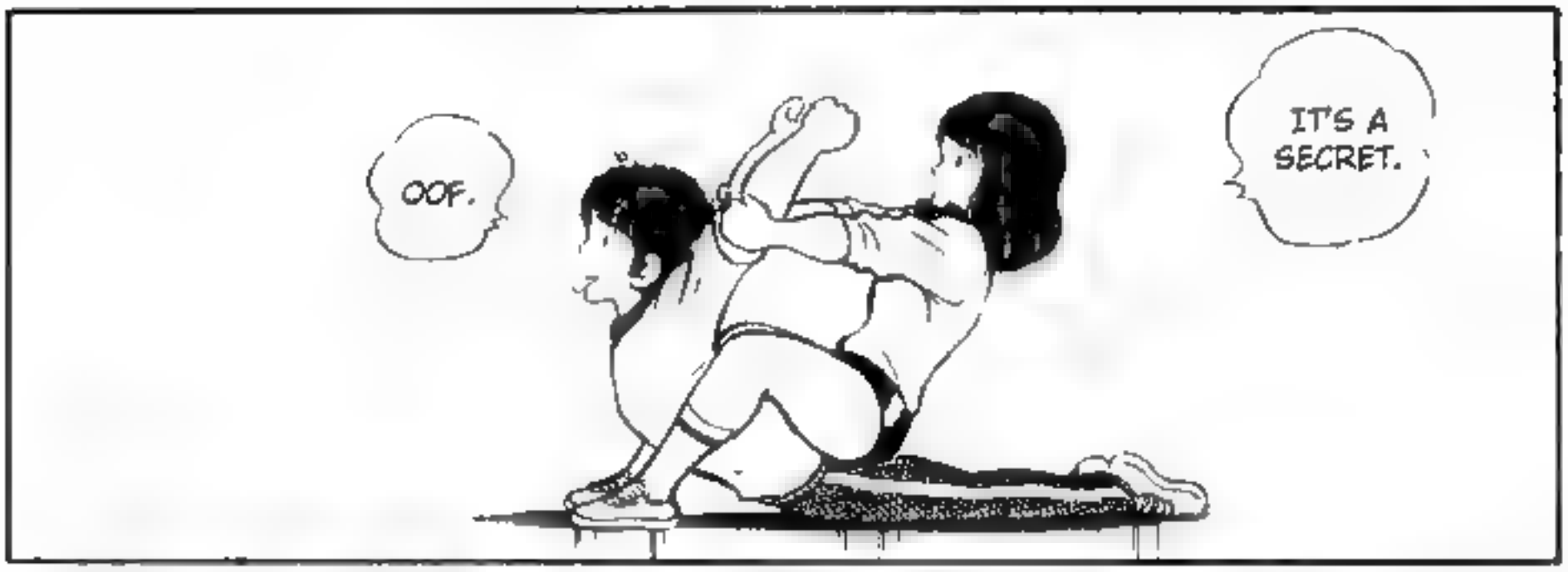
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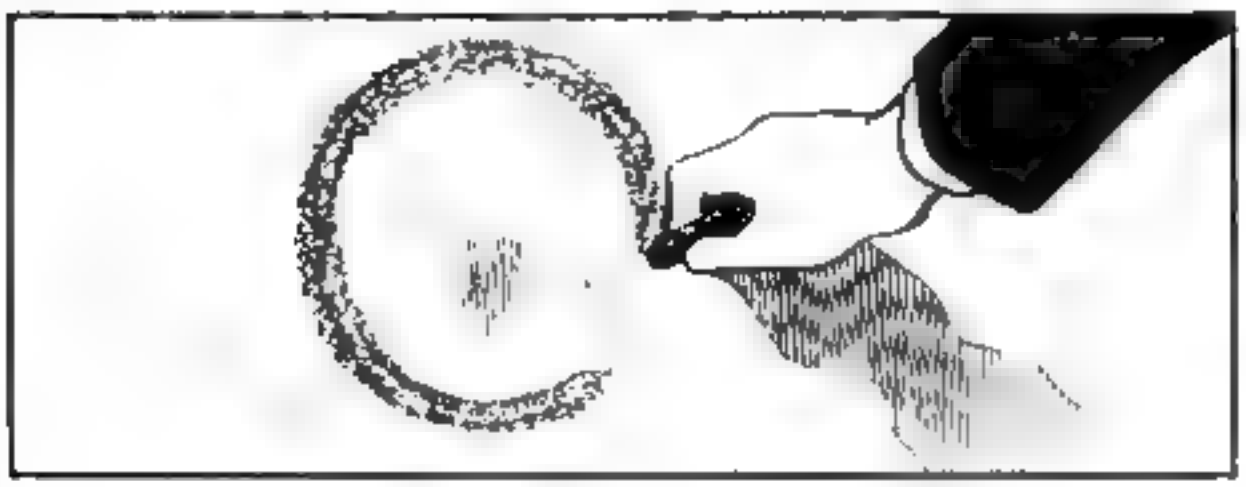

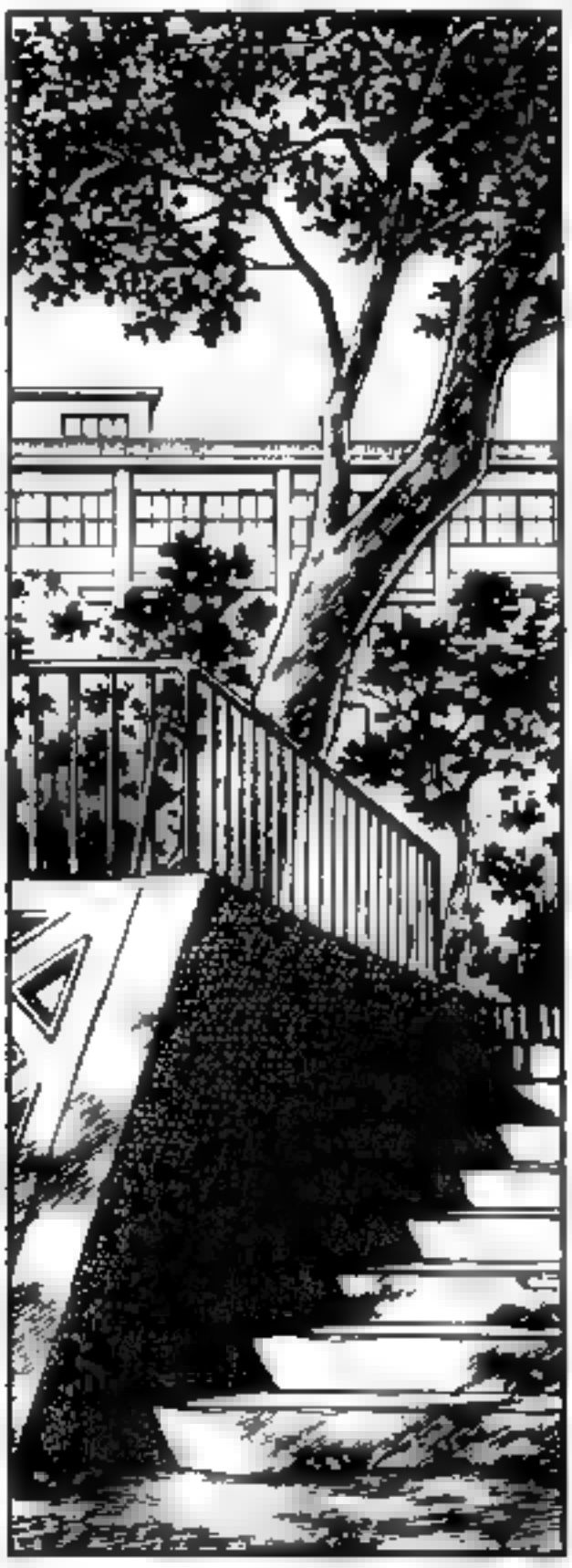

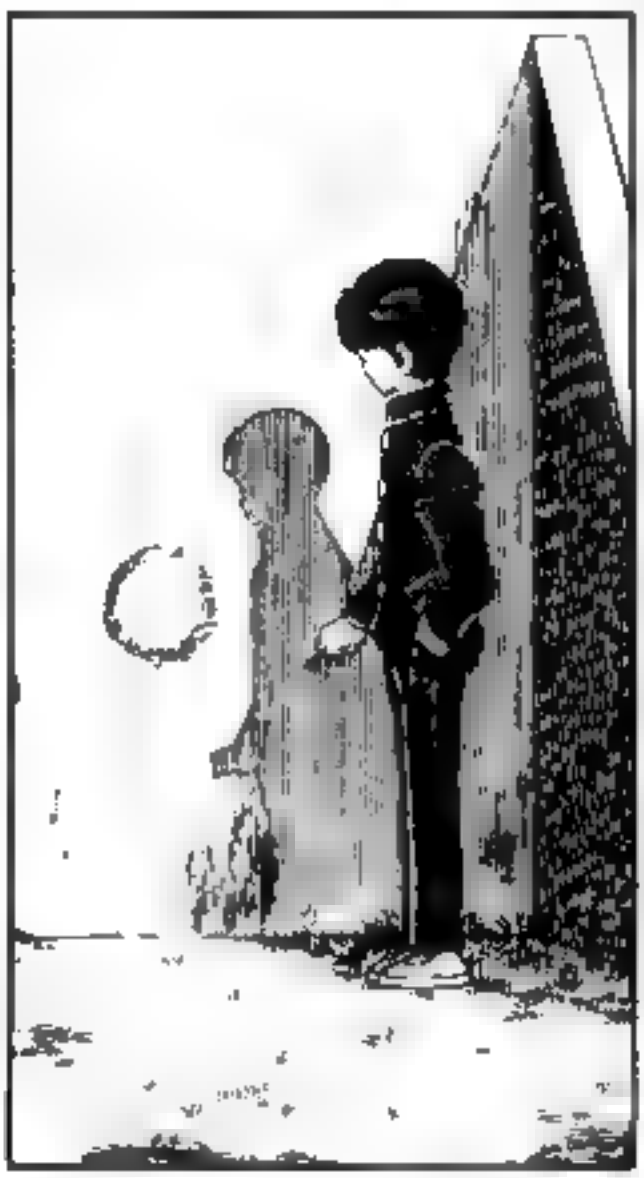

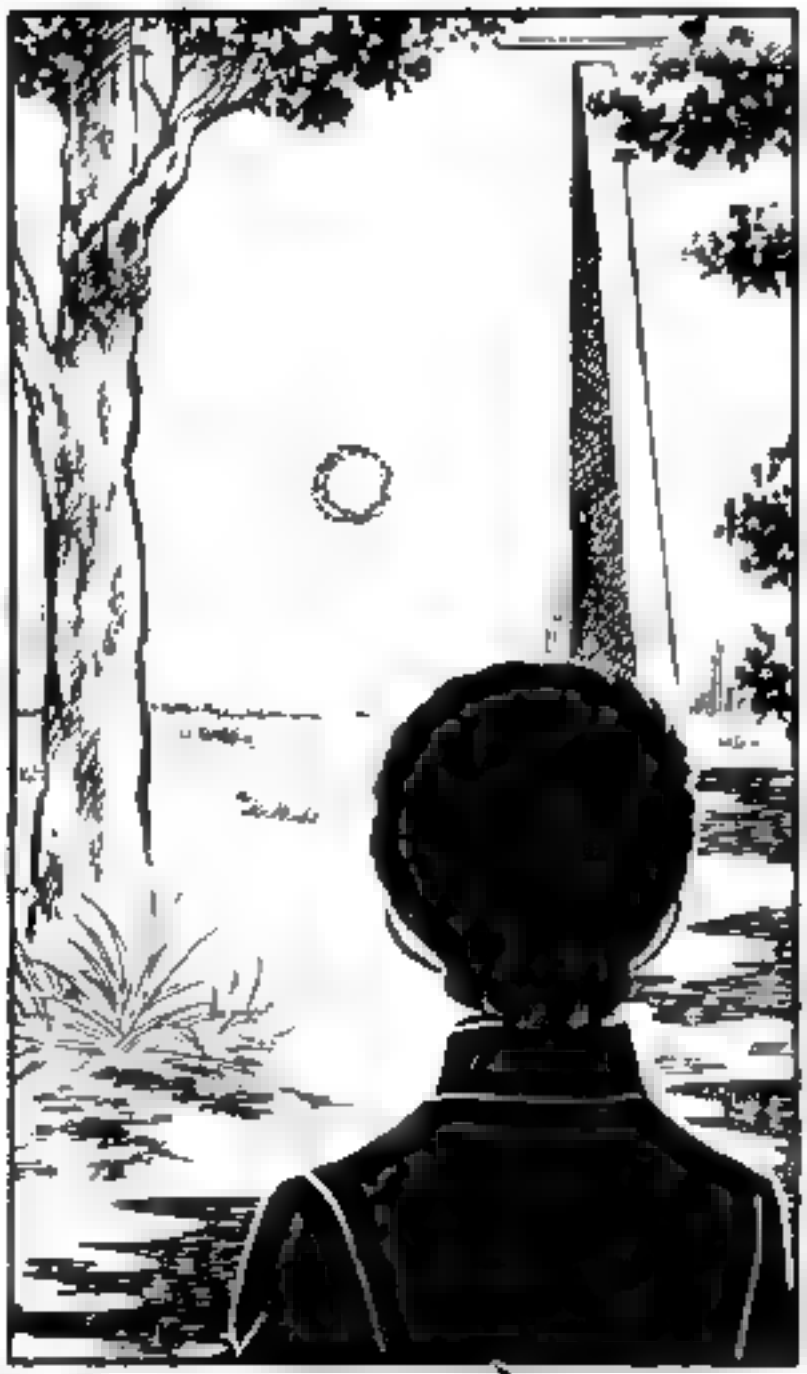

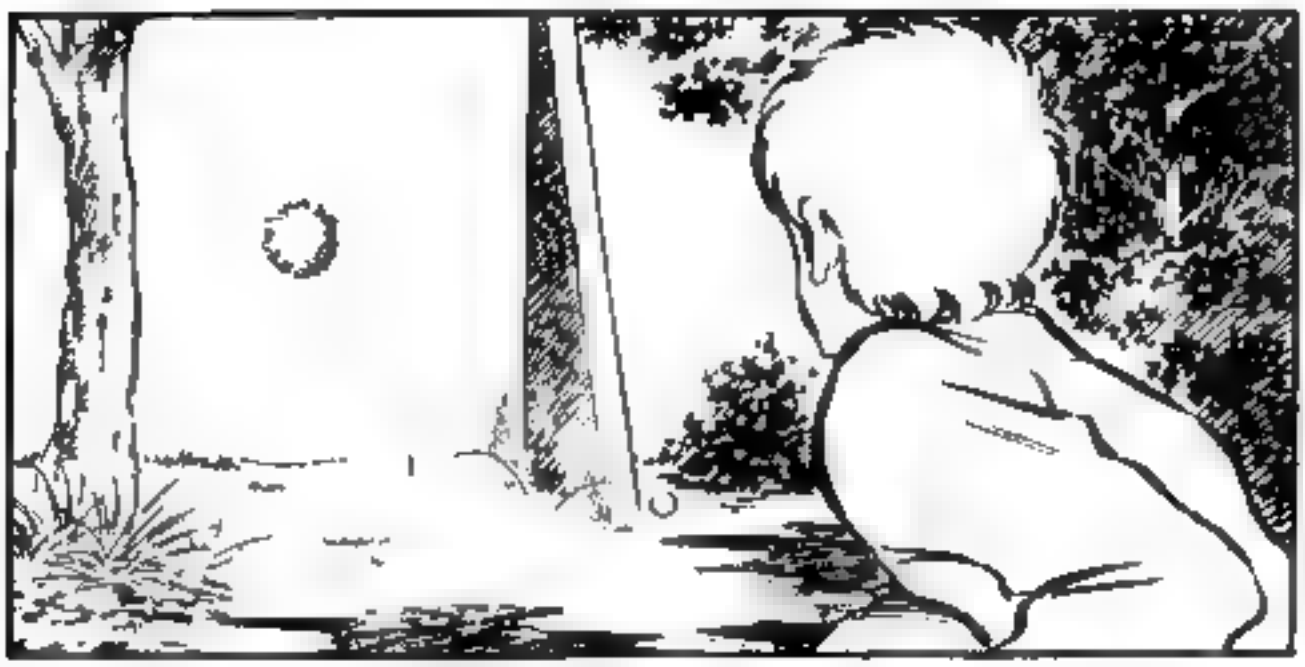

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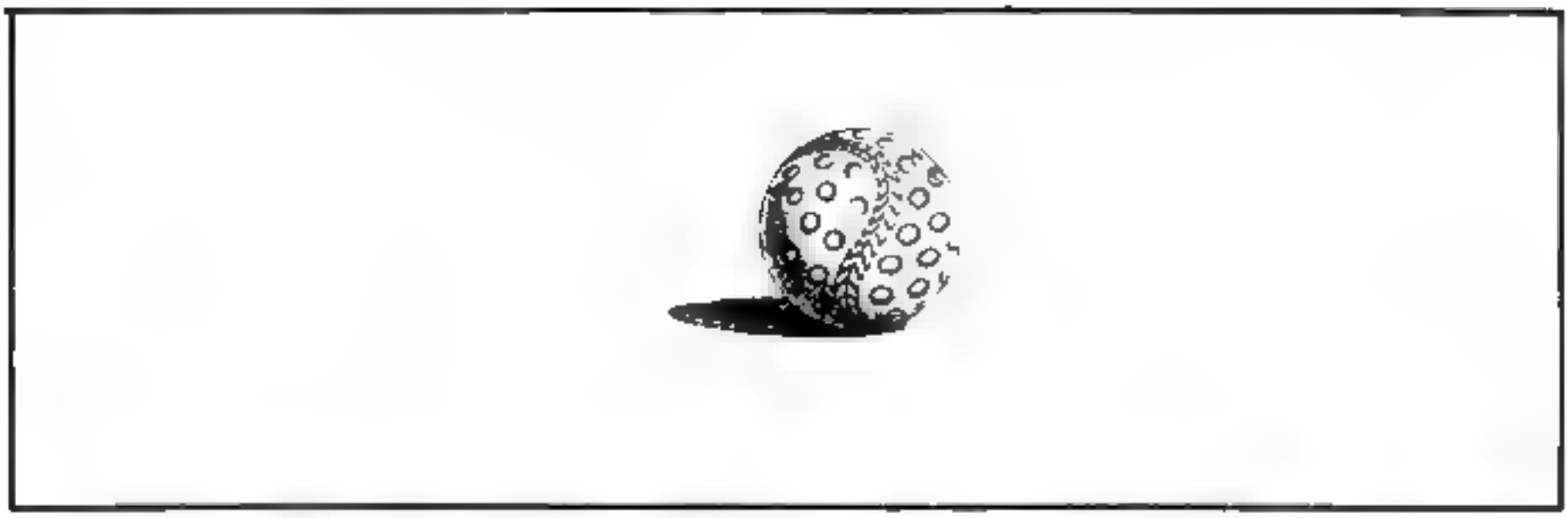
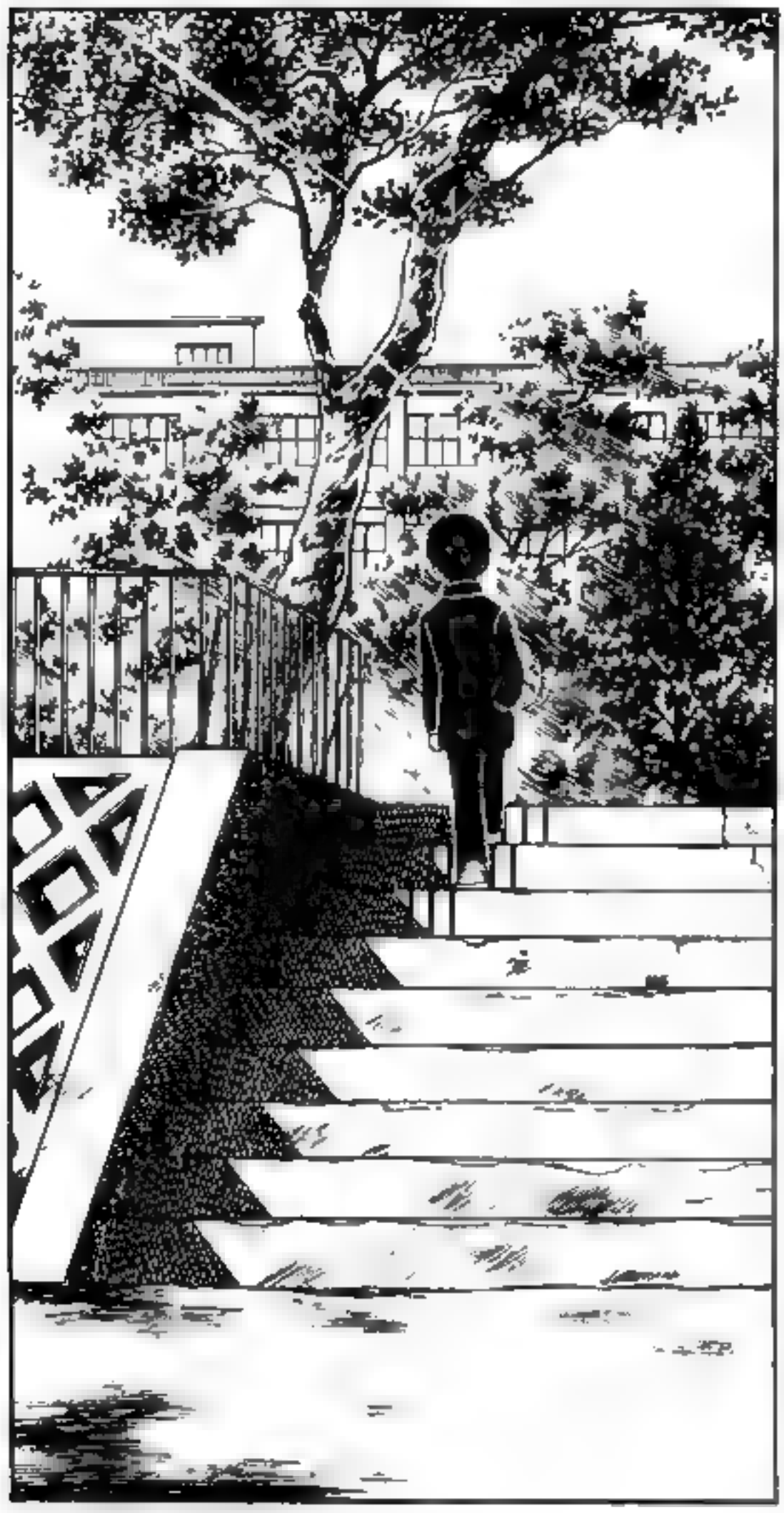
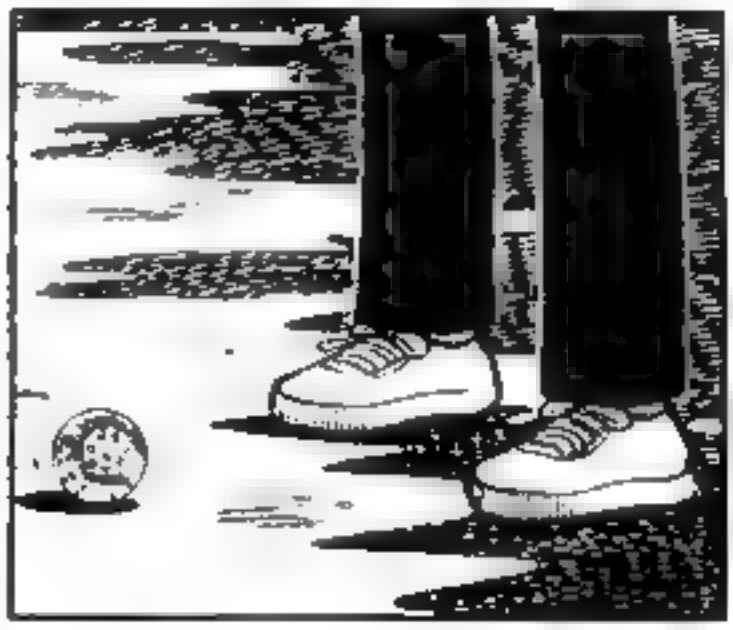
For Minami's Sake







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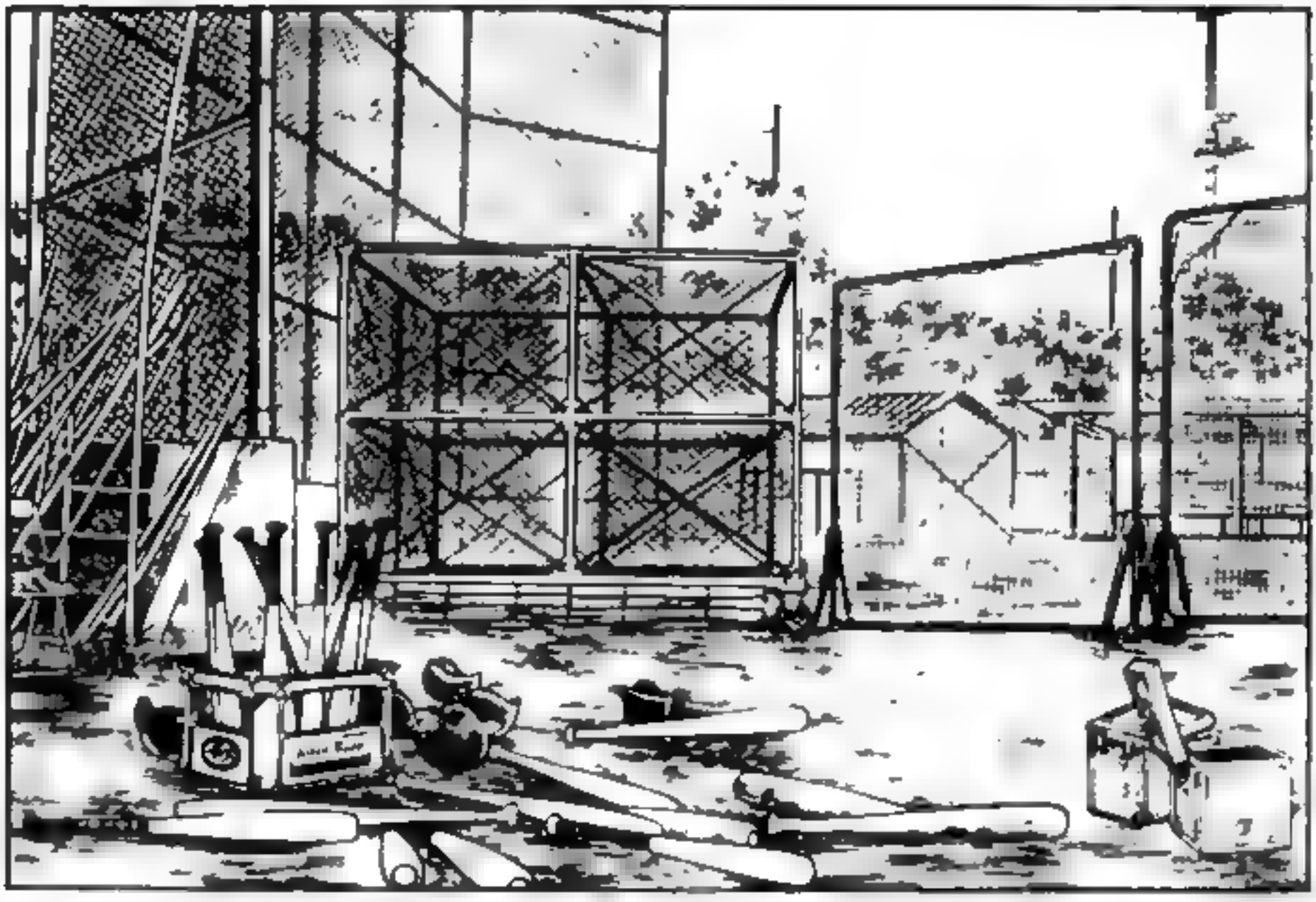

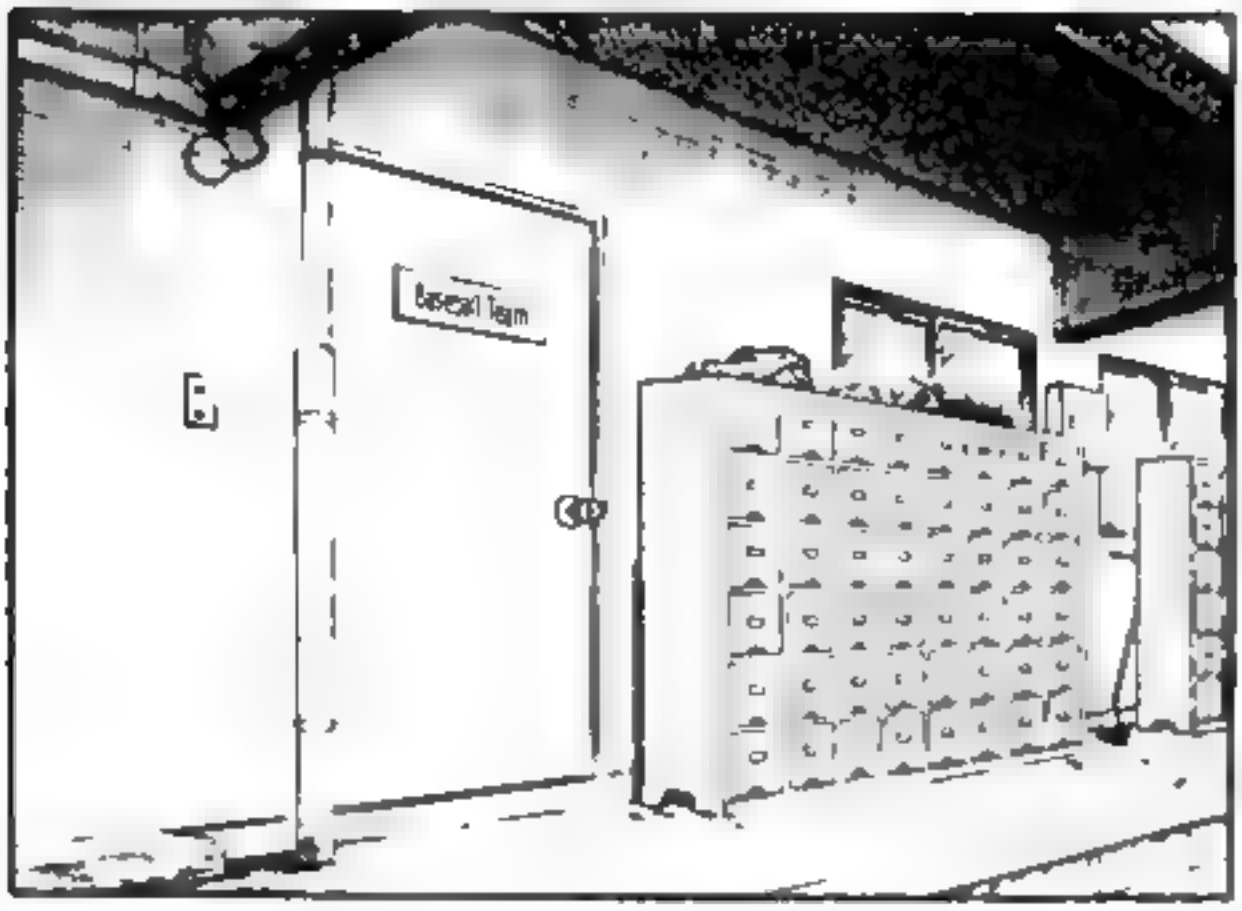

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AHEM!

Baseball Team

Baseball Team

I'M ASAKURA MINAMI... I'M VERY PLEASED TO MEET YOU.

QUIET! QUIET!

BANZA-A-AI!

BANZA-A-AI!

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BANZA-A-AI!

...TOGETHER WITH SACHIKO, AS MANAGERS OF MEISEI'S BASEBALL TEAM FROM NOW ON.

I'VE MADE THE DECISION TO HAVE HER DO HER BEST...

YES, SO THEN...

THEY'RE NOTHING BUT TROUBLE, HM...

I'M SAVED... IT WAS TERRIBLE, ALL BY MYSELF.

ASAKURA IS A MANAGER WHO'LL PRACTICALLY SPECIALIZE IN UESUGI.

KNOCK IT OFF... NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU TURN ON THE CHARM, IT'S USELESS!!

EH?

PLEASE GIVE US YOUR KIND REGARDS, MINAMI-CHAN.

NO, NO.

IT'S NOTHING LIKE THAT.

HERE'S MY PHONE NUM-BER.

I'M THE FUJIMOTO, THE CENTER-FIELDER.

I'M ISHIGAKI TOMOHIRO, THE 2ND BASEMAN.

DON'T PUSH YOURSELF... THAT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER.

I'LL BE IMPAR-TIAL...

AH, IT WON'T BE LIKE THAT.

EHHHH !?!

WAH-HH!

OH?

I'LL ONLY FAVOR HIM A LITTLE.

THEN ...

STOMP STOMP

ALL RI-I-IGHT... HIT THE PRACTICE FIELD!

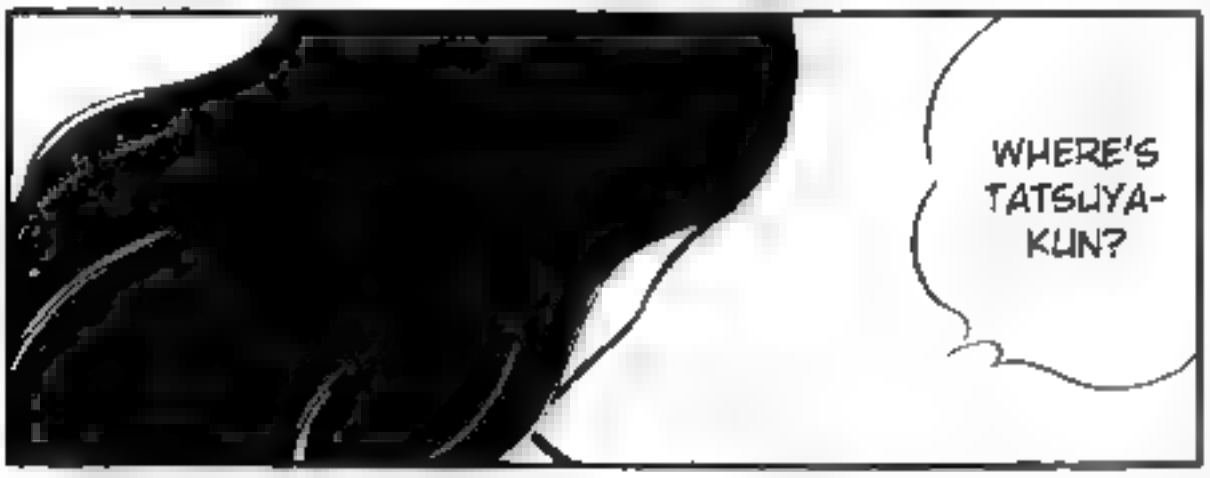
'KAAAY.

LET'S GO, KOUTAROU!

YEA-HHH!

AHEM.
AHEM.
YUP.
DO YOUR BEST, KATCHAN.
KOUTAROU!
AH.
DO YOUR BEST, KOTAROU-KUN.
.....
YES, YES.
DON'T BE A SLOW-POKE, KOTAROU.
Baseball Team
.....

YES.
ASAKURA-SAN...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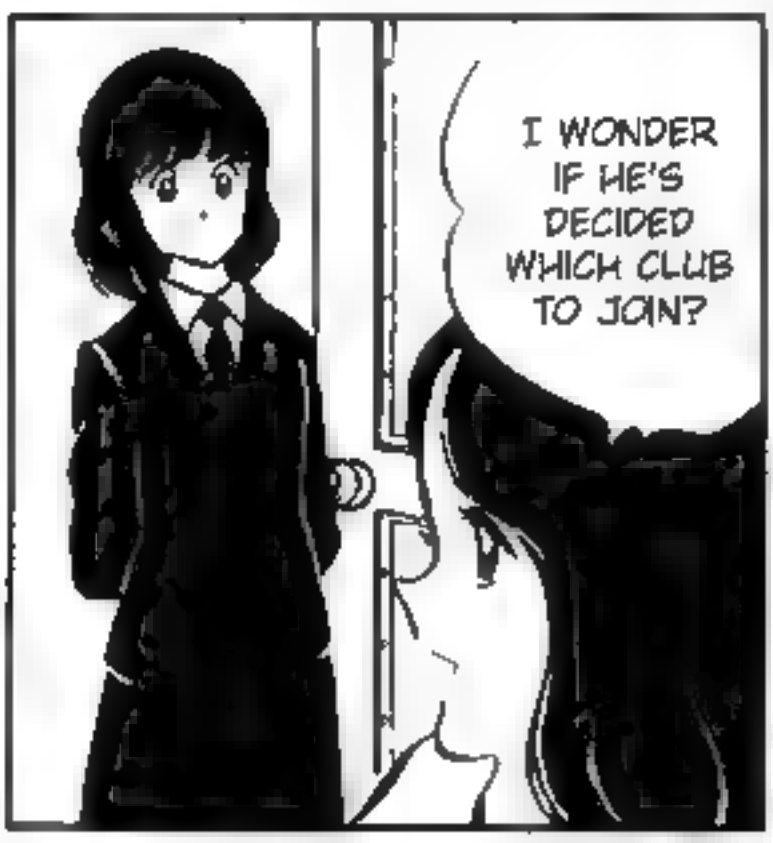
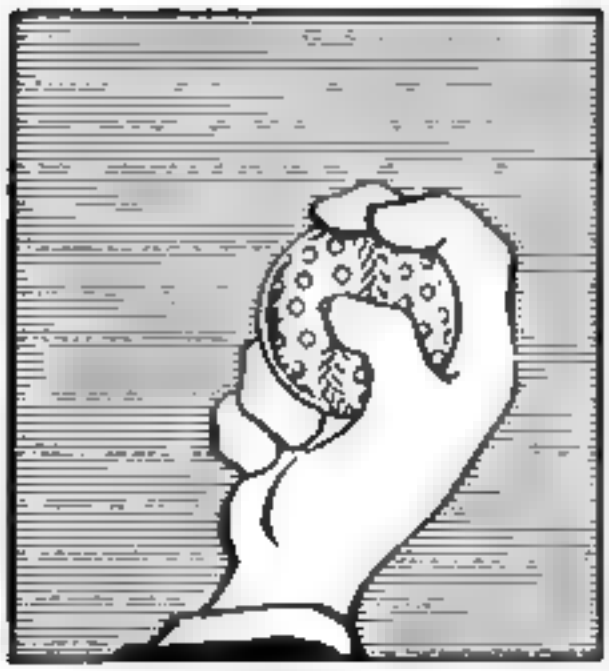
DUNNO ...


I WONDER IF HE'S DECIDED WHICH CLUB TO JOIN?

HUH?



LET'S GO SEE.
THE RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS TEAM HAS STARTED THEIR PRACTICE!!
HEEEY, TAT-SUYA ...

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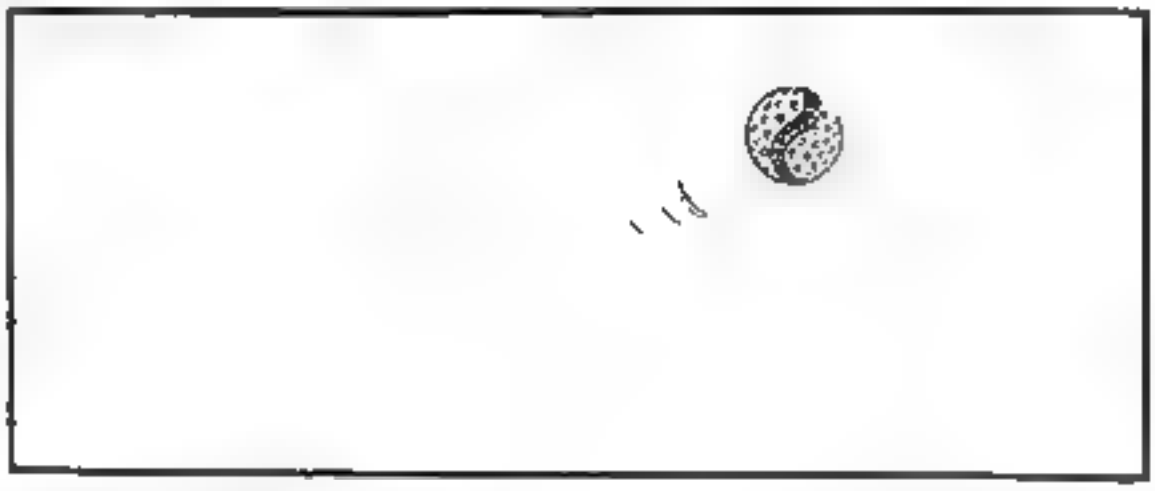
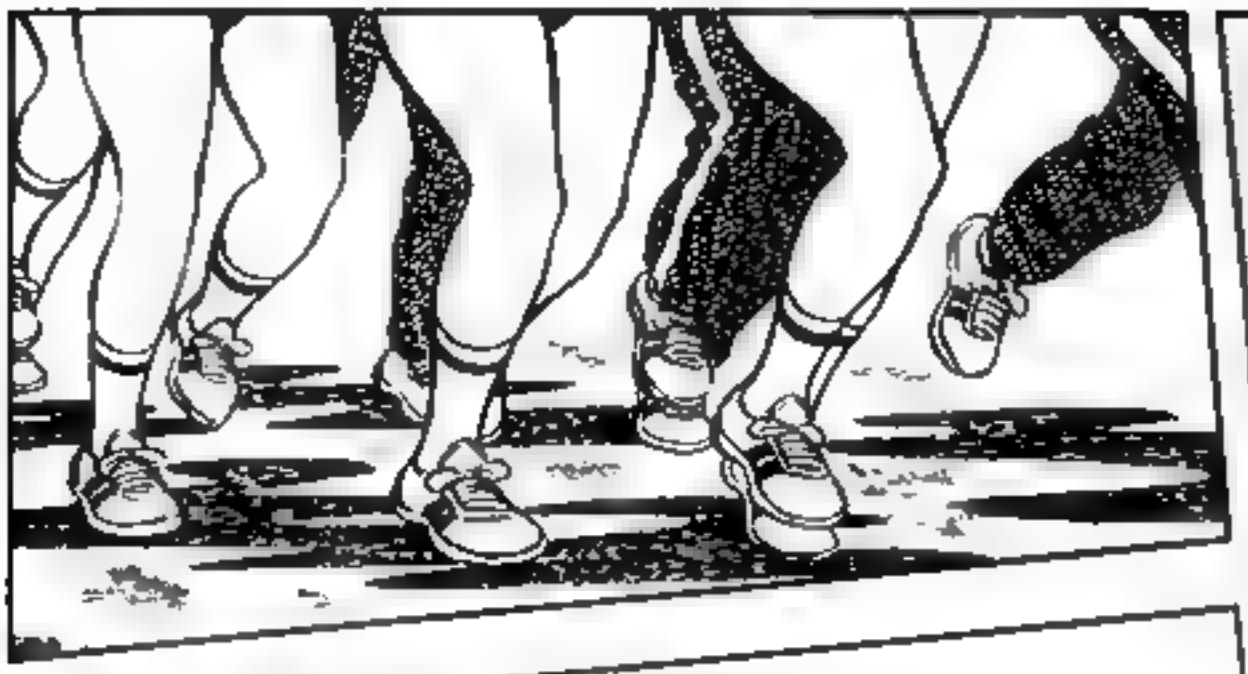
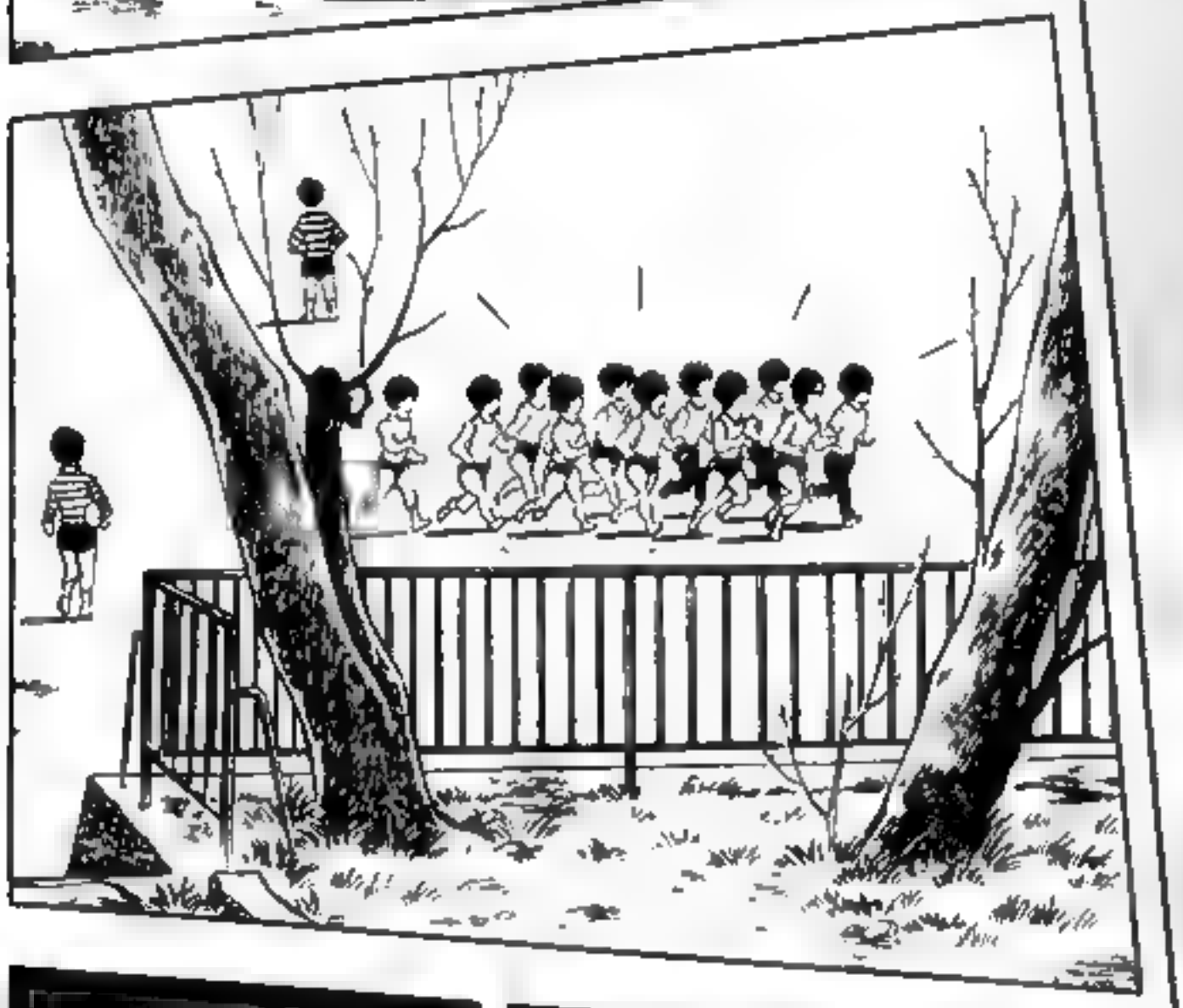
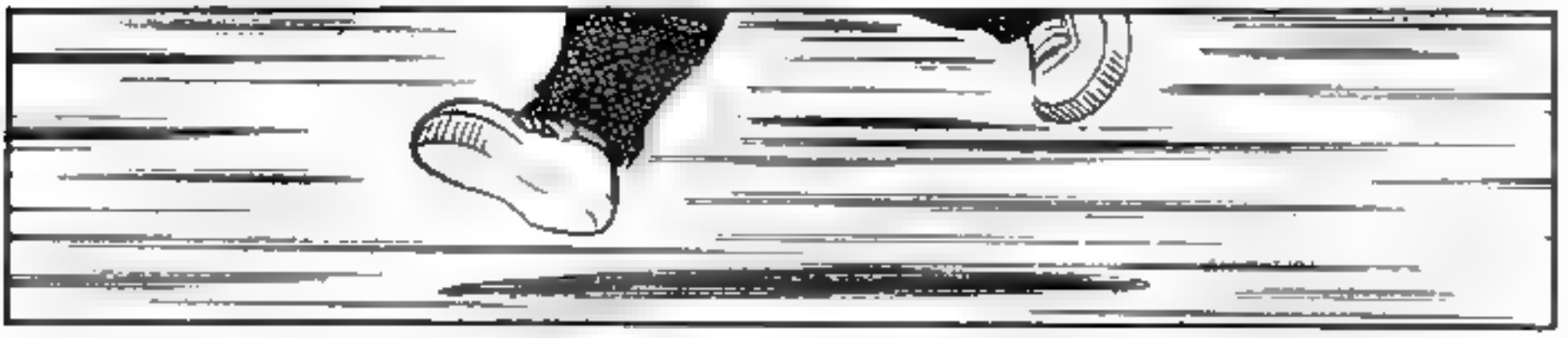


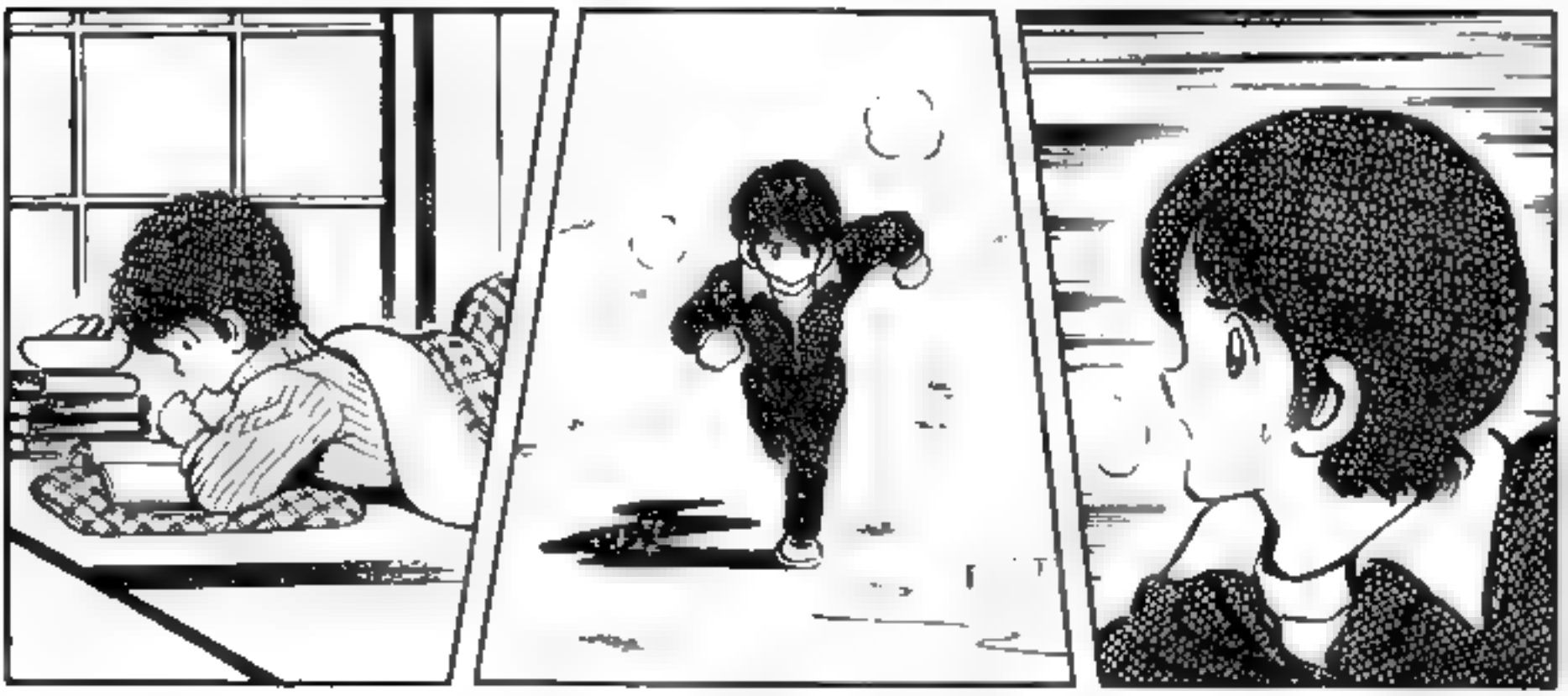


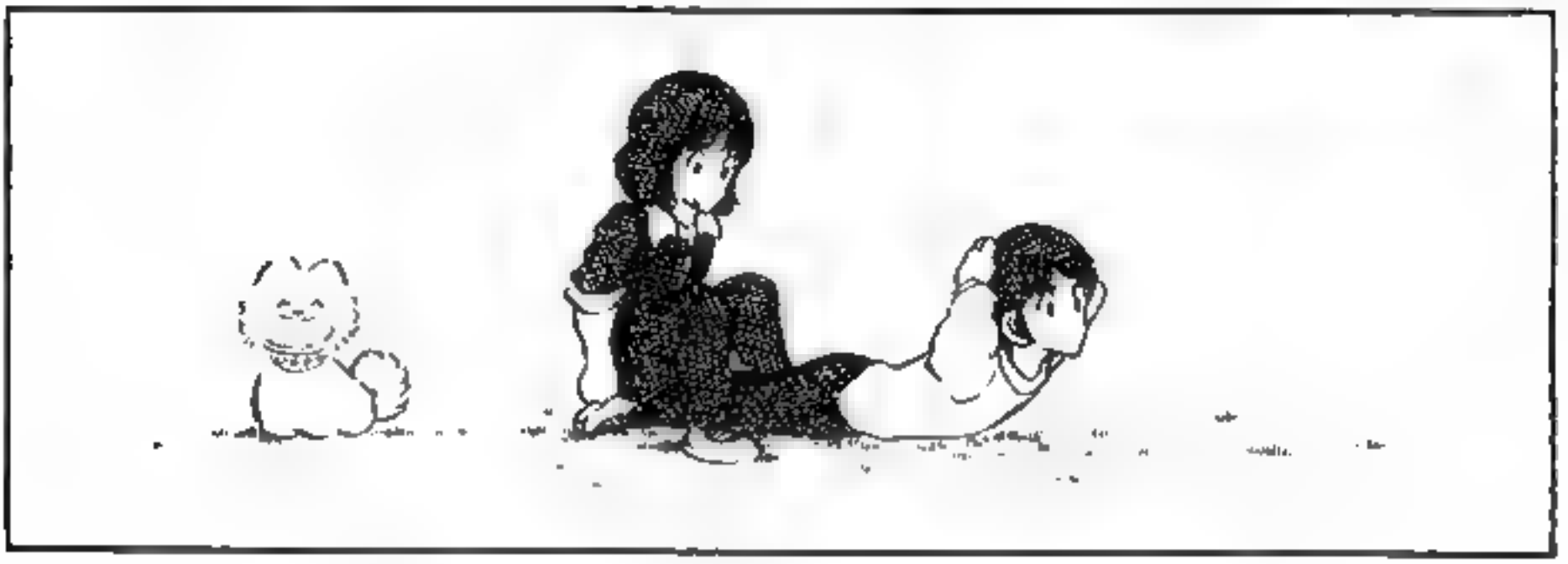


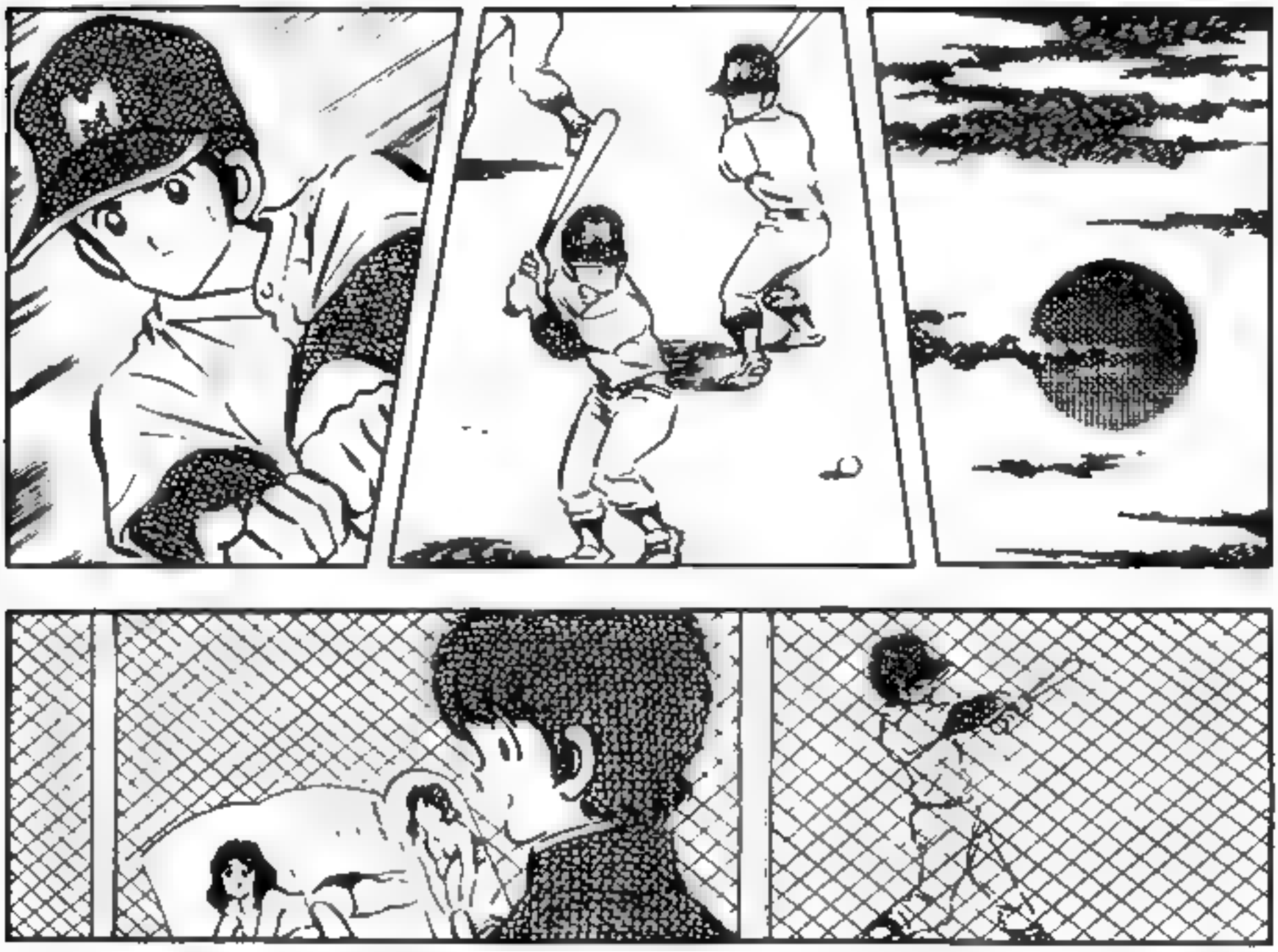
Shoot for Koushien, Katchan!

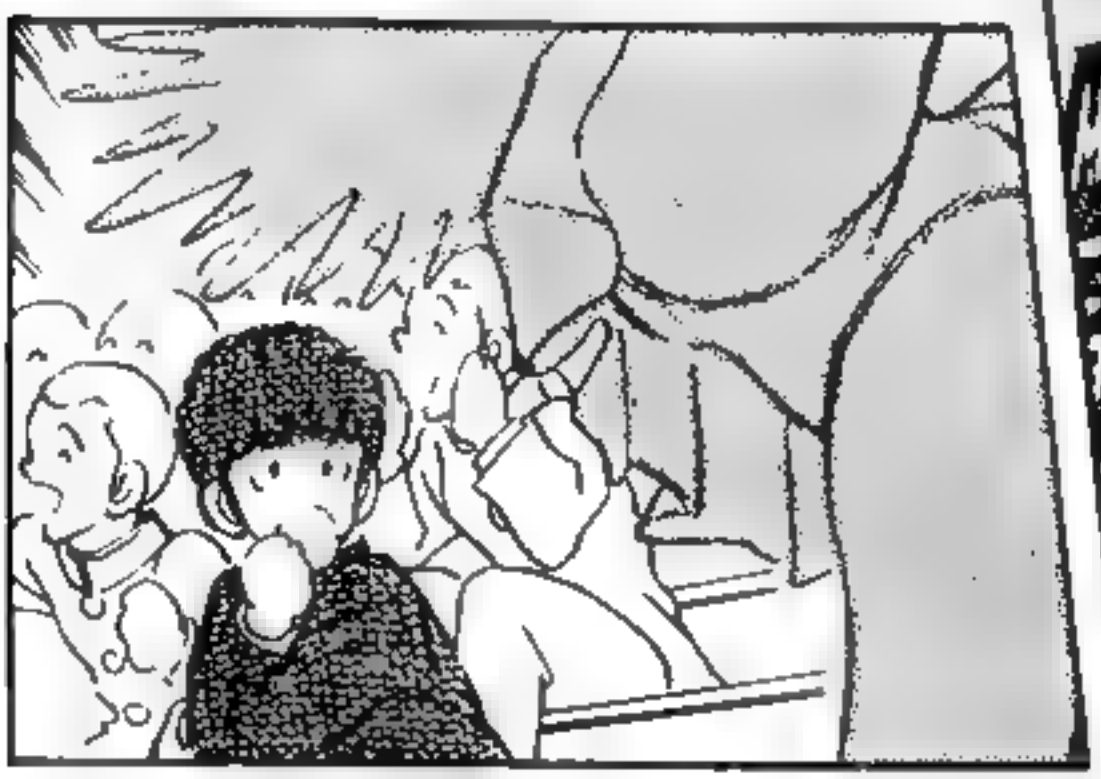
♡Asakura Minami

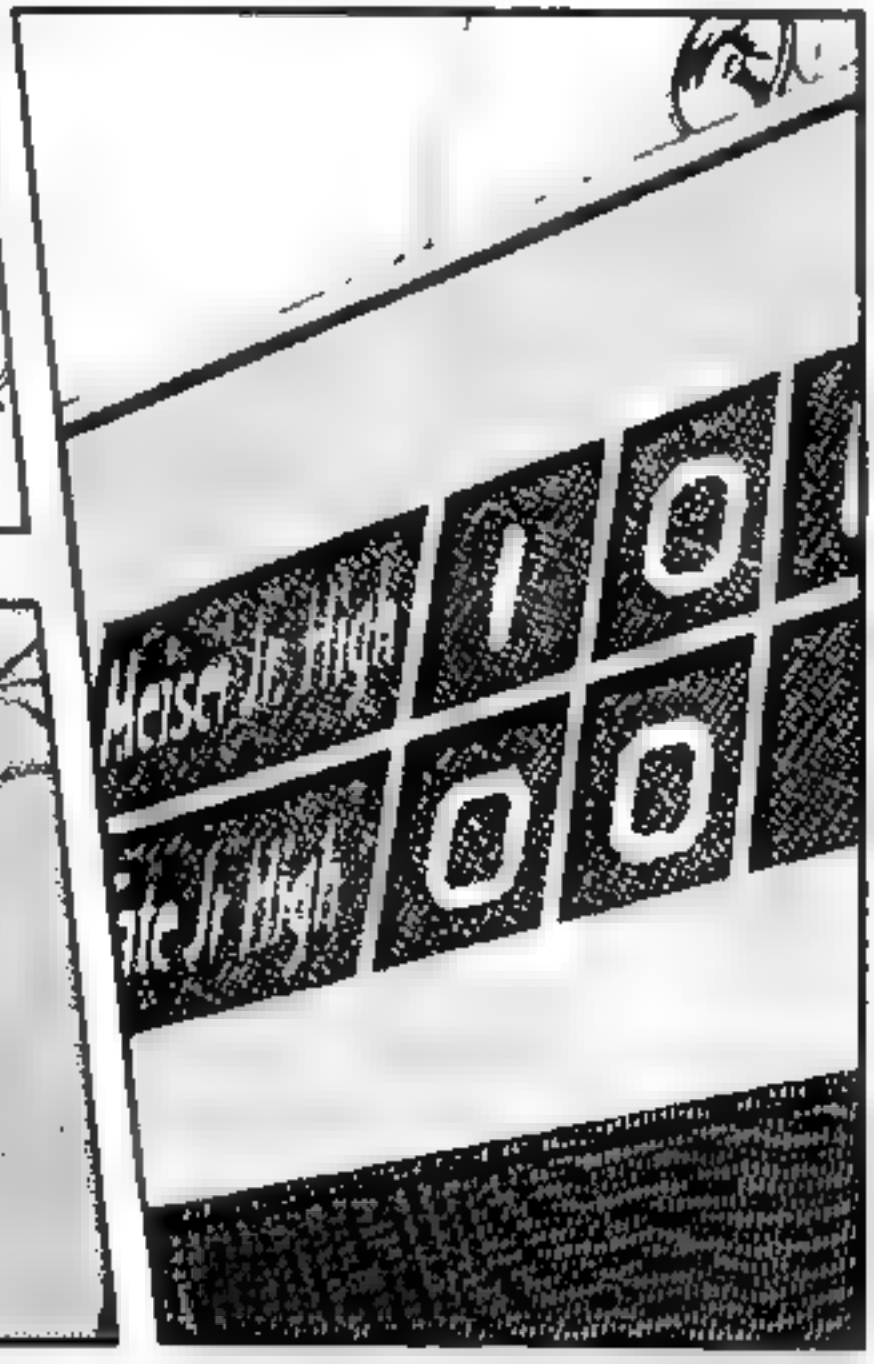


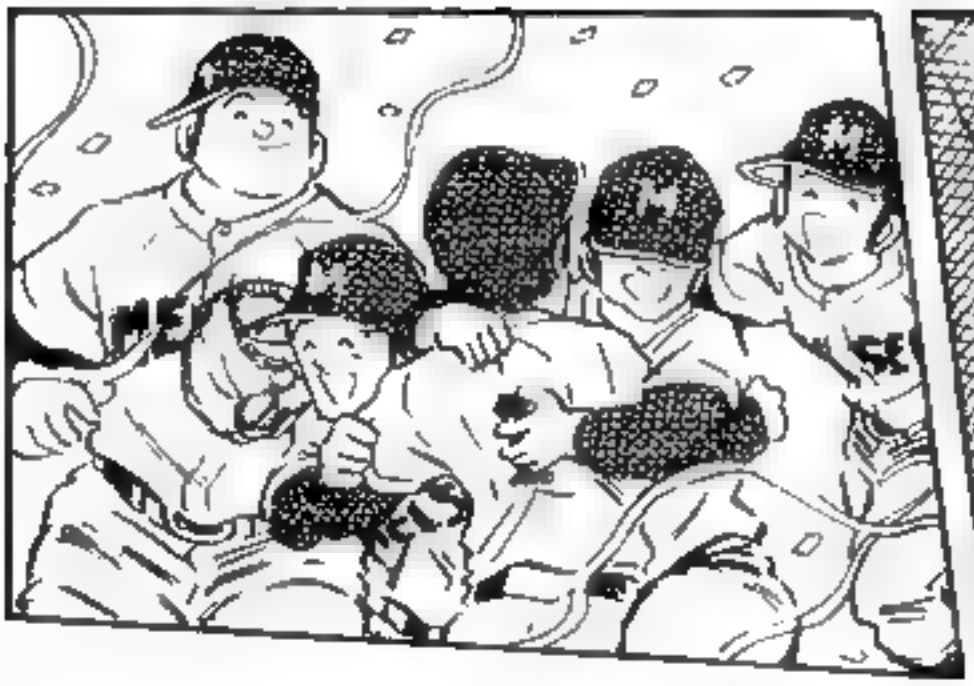


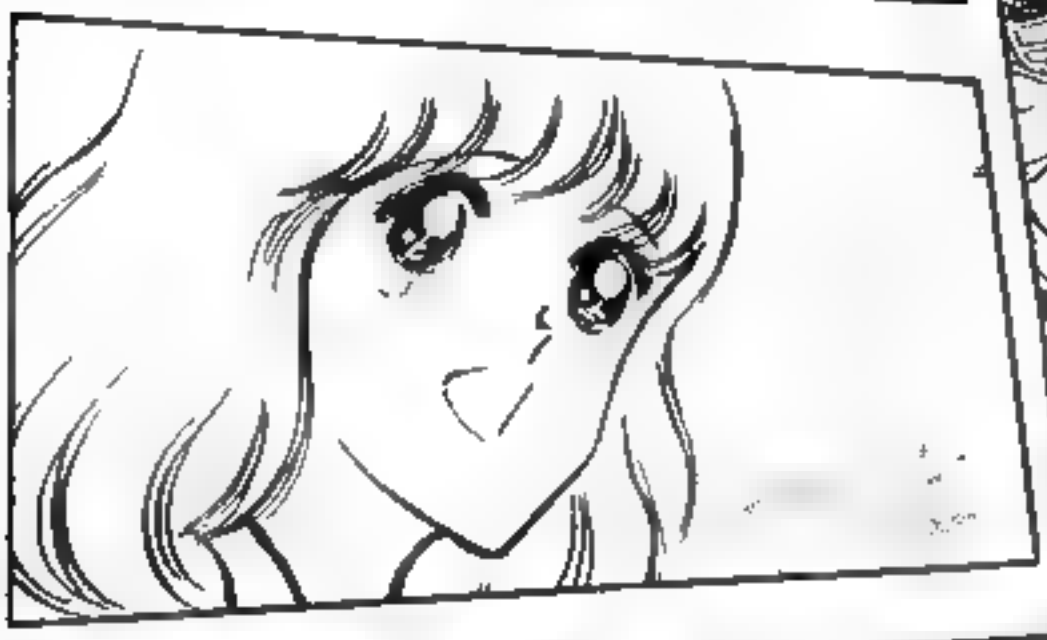












WRITE DOWN YOUR CLASSROOM AND NAME.

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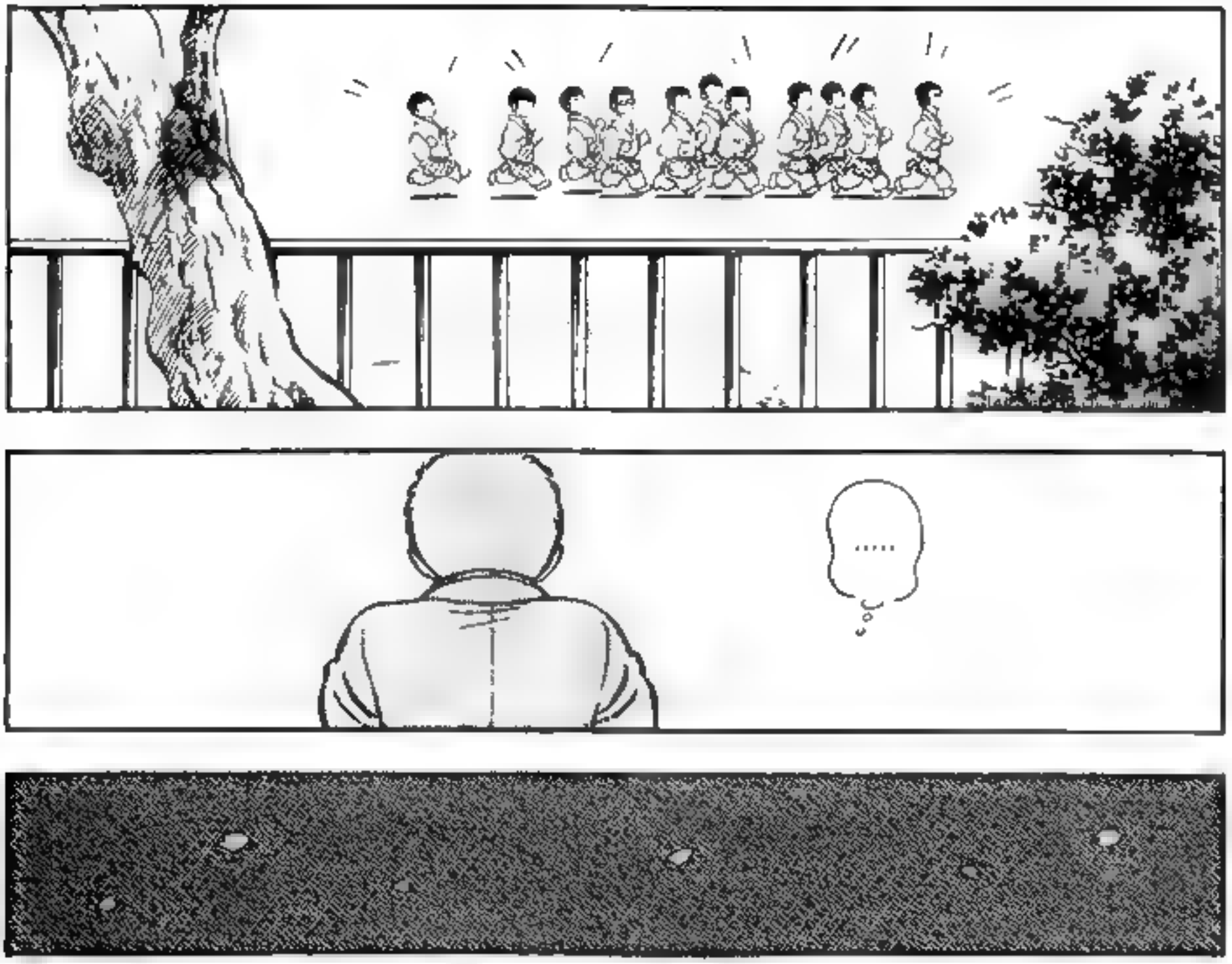
BYE.

THIS IS SHITTY HAND-WRITING!



CHIRP
CHIRP
1-A
THE BOXING TEAM!?
Meisei High School

WHY!?

I HEARD HE JOINED WITH HARADA-KUN.

UH-HUH.

ANIKI!?

HOW WOULD I KNOW?

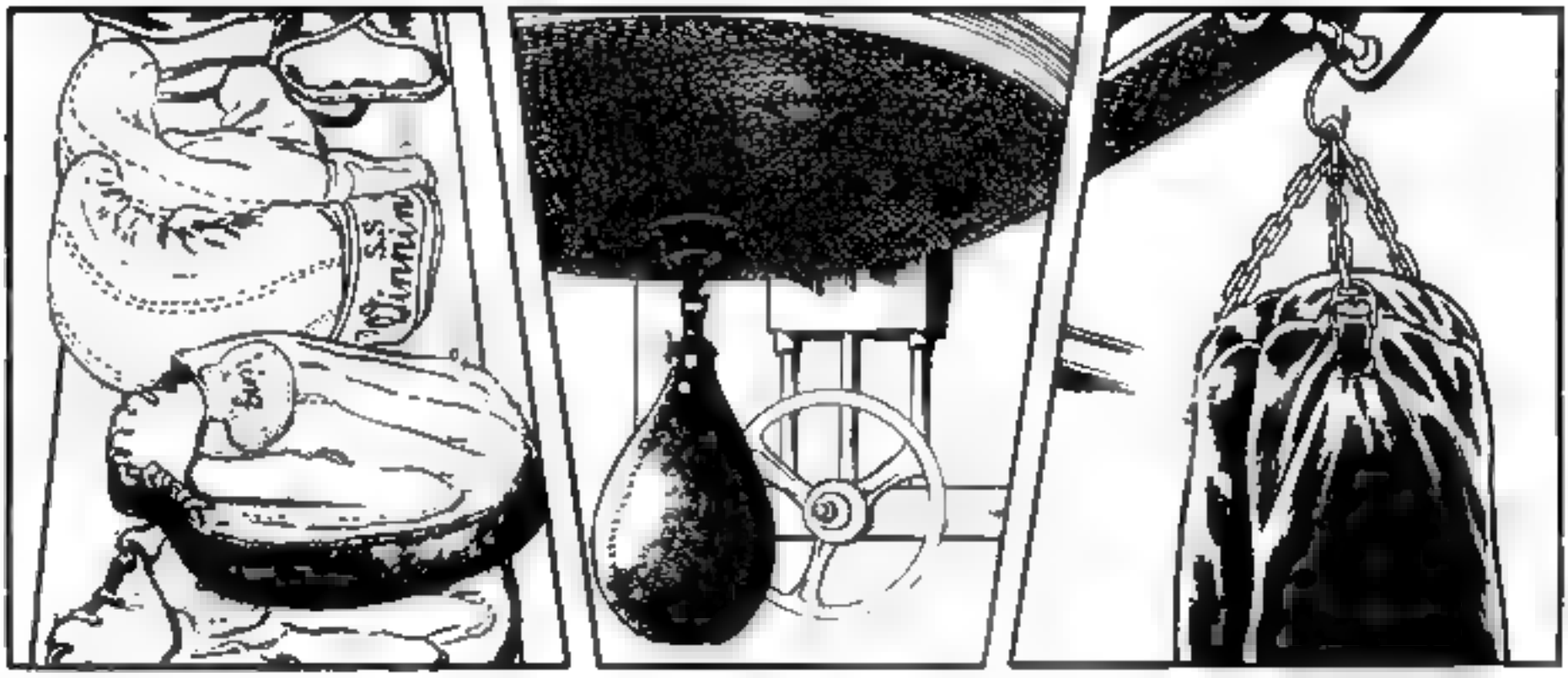
UH-HUH.

THE BOXING TEAM!?

HUHHH!?

BUT THE BASEBALL TEAM IS WHAT ANIKI...

HUHHH!?



AH
AH

?

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MEISEI BOXING TEAM

TRADITIONAL SPARRING

RECEPTION FOR NEW MEMBERS

WHAP

HUHHH?

What's in Minami's Diary?

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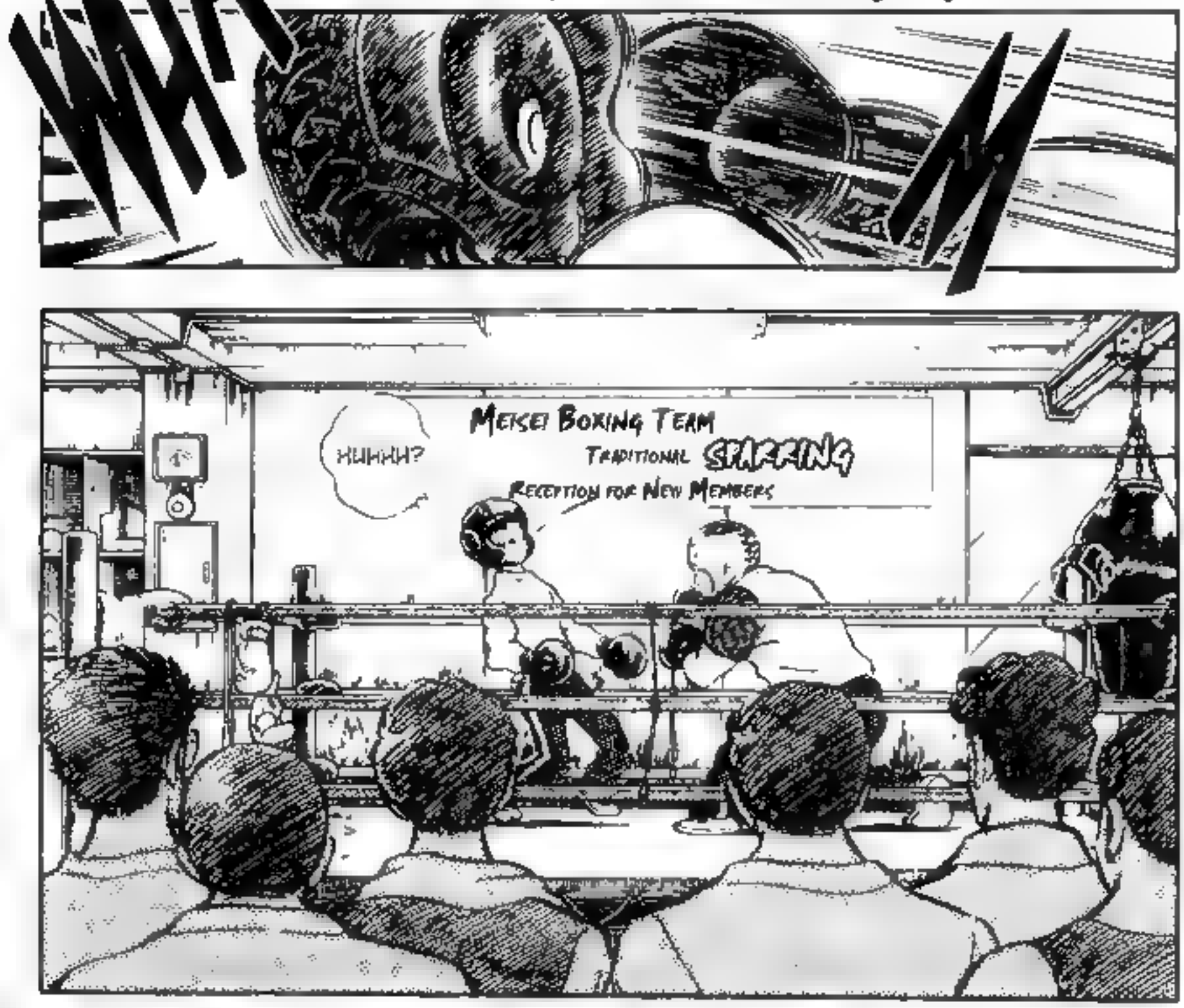

WHA
HUHHH?
MEISEI BOXING TEAM
TRADITIONAL SPARRING
RECEPTION FOR NEW MEMBERS

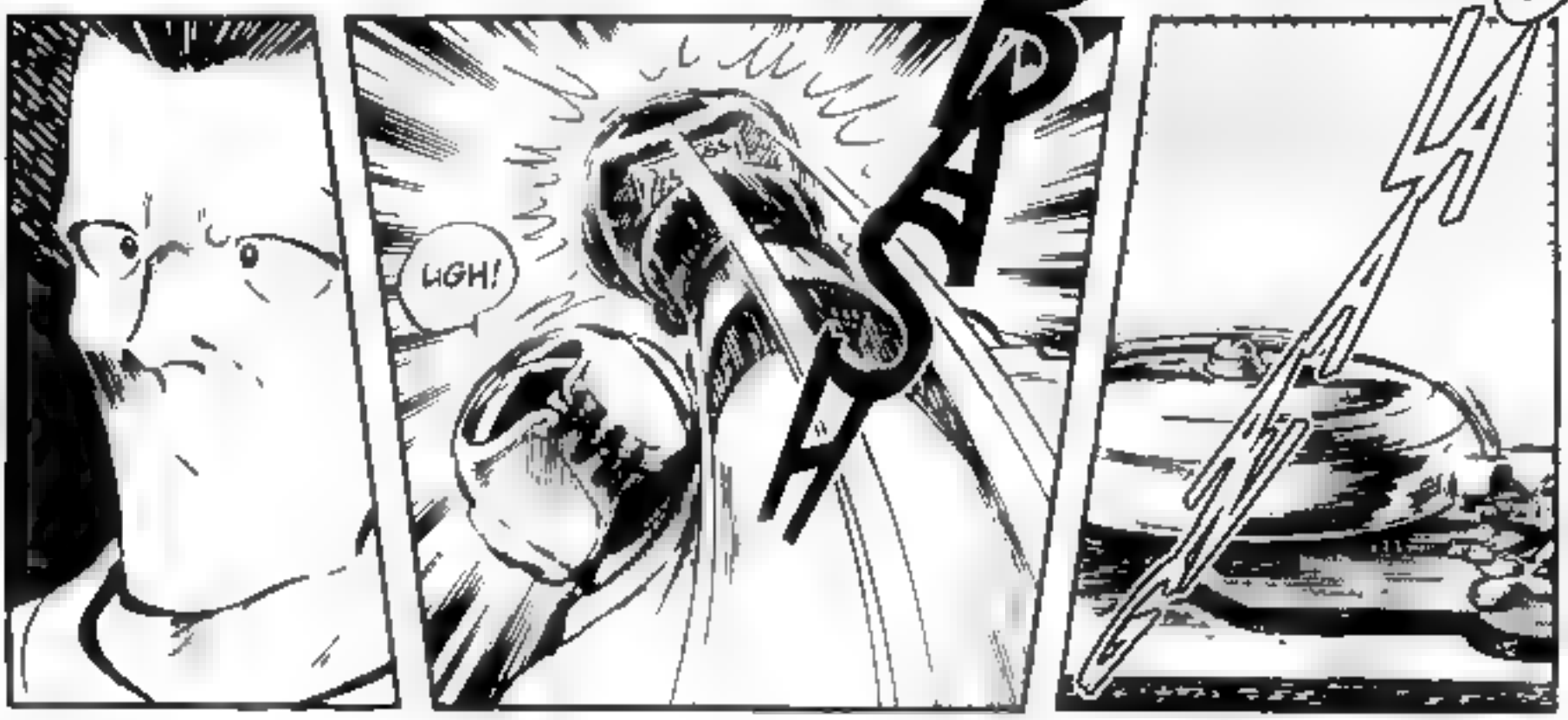
WHI

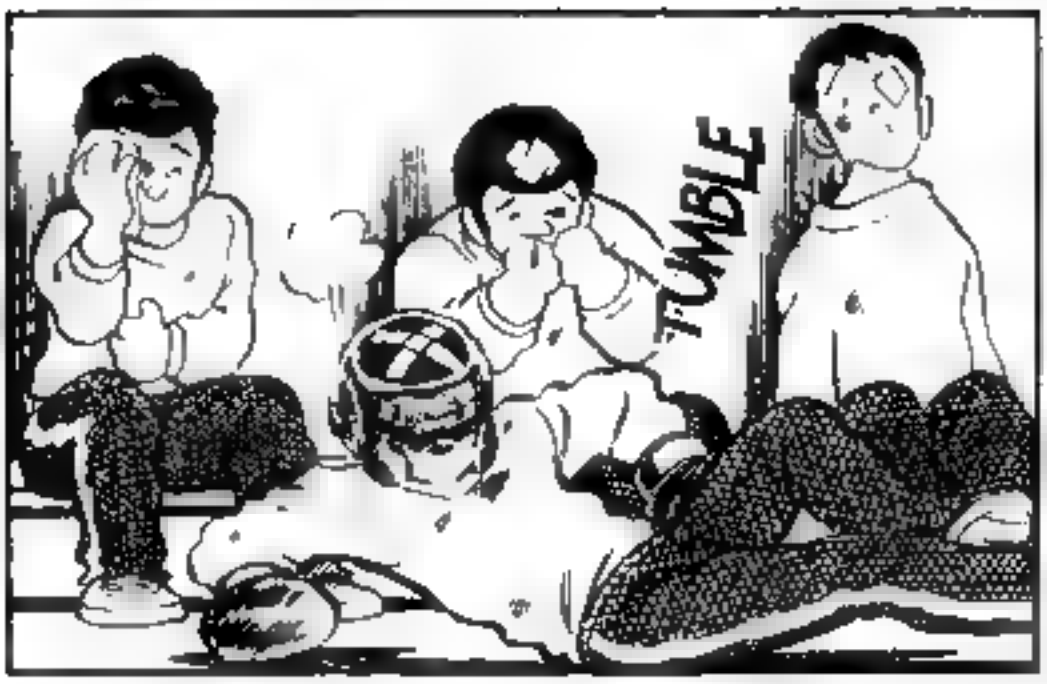
THIS IS SPARRING!! IT WON'T MATTER IF YOU HIT HIM!!
WHAT'S THE MATTER, LESLIE?

WHAP
OOF!

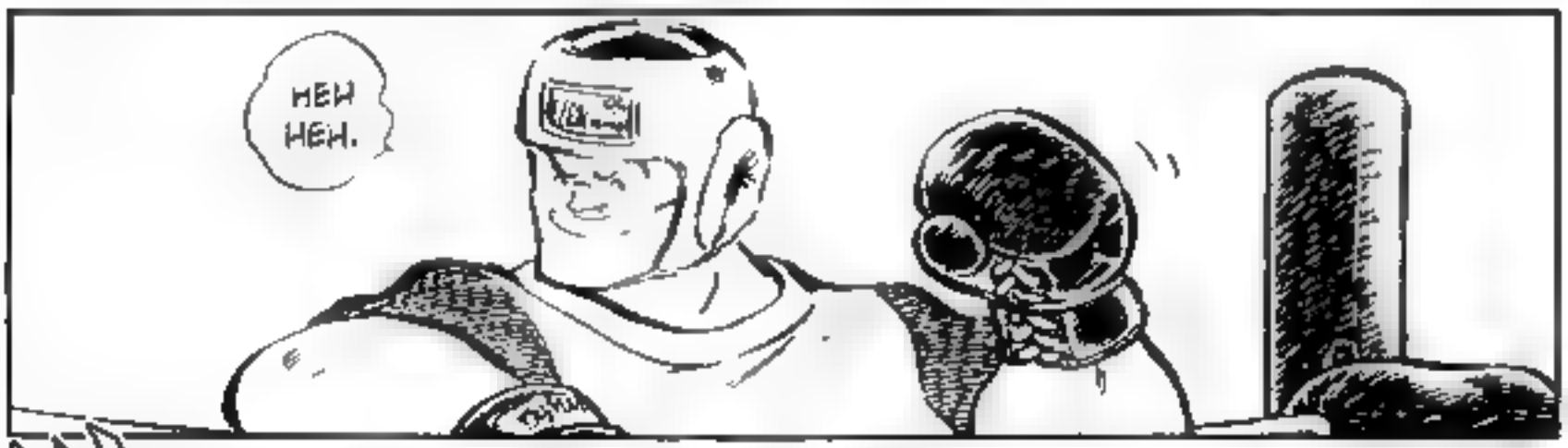
OOF!
THUMP

UH!


UGH!
SLAP


TUMBLE

ALL RIGHT. THAT'S ALL!


HEH HEH.

I'M THE LAST ONE...

IS IT 6:00 ALREADY?
OH?

NO...

AH...

YOU DON'T MIND IF IT'S JUST FOR A BIT, RIGHT?

YEAHHH.

IT'S TIME, HUH, CAPTAIN?

YELP!

WHAP

KAZOW

THUD

OOF!

PUNCHING A GUY WHO'S DOWN IS AGAINST THE RULES!!

STOP, STOP!

HUMP

WHAP

OOO

TWITCH TWITCH

HE WAS DOING IT A LITTLE WHILE AGO, SO I THOUGHT THAT MAYBE IT WAS OKAY...

OH, IS THAT SO?

THEN, THAT'S IT FOR TODAY!

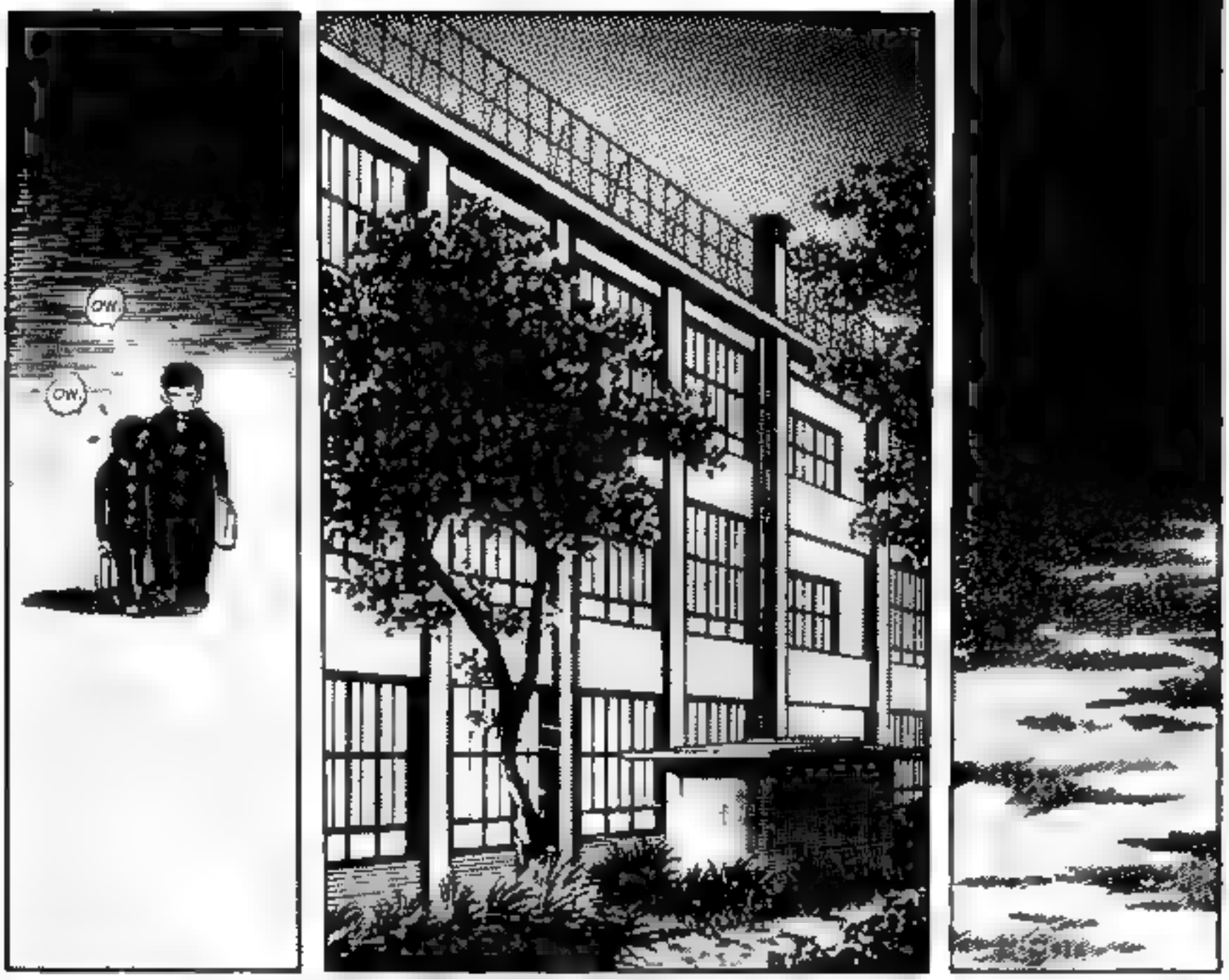
THE NEW MEMBERS WILL PUT THINGS AWAY SO WE CAN GO HOME!

I DON'T KNOW THE RULES VERY WELL...

SORRY, HUH ...

I HOPE YOU'LL TAKE YOUR TIME AND LEARN IT AFTER THIS...

W- WELL ...


OW.
OW.

WHAT IS THIS?

OTHERWISE, THERE WON'T BE ANY PUNCHES COMING FROM YOU...

WHA-A-AT?

YOU'RE IN NEED OF BEING PUNCHED A LITTLE...

HEY...

IT'S NOT IMPORTANT ...

WHA-A-AT?

OW

OW

PUNCH

OWWW-WWWW!

OHHH-HHH!!

HEY, DON'T STRUG-GLE!

Uesugi

MORE GENTLY!
BE QUIET!

YELP!
SLAP
ALL RIGHT, THAT'S IT.

OW.

WASN'T IT YOU WHO TOLD ME TO DO WHATEVER...?

WHY BOXING?
BUT...

.....
ADACHI MITSURU.
YO, STUD!

OOF!

BODY BLOW!

SPOKEN JUST LIKE A GIRL.

OHH, OHH...

IT'S UN-CIVILIZED. FIST FIGHT-ING...

BUT STILL ...

WHY COULDN'T YOU COME TO THE BASEBALL TEAM?

BEFORE IT OVER-COMES BEING OUT OF SHAPE ...

IF THIS GOES ON, HIS BODY WILL BE DESTROYED ...

WHEEZE

AHH! THE KOUSHIEN OF YOUTH!

OH... I SEE.

THE NINE, COMPLETE IN 5 VOL-UMES!

I'M A MANAGER OF THE BASEBALL TEAM.

OH, THAT'S RIGHT! TATCHAN!

<ANOTHER SHAMELESS PLUG FOR ADACHI'S "NINE" MANGA.>

OW

UH-HUH.

RIGHT, KAT-CHAN?

AND WHILE WE'RE AT IT, IT WOULD BE GREAT IF YOU JOINED THE BASE-BALL TEAM.

OH, THAT'S RIGHT!

YOU'RE MAKING FUN OF KAZUYA!!

BESIDES, IF YOU TURN UGLY, THEN WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

EVEN NOW, IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO COME OVER TO THE BASE-BALL TEAM.

IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE SO VERY DIFFERENT IN EVERY WAY.

I FORGOT, I FORGOT.

TWINS!

WE ARE ...

OH, I WAS TALKING ABOUT YOU, TATCHAN.

....

I WONDER HOW LONG YOU'LL KEEP THIS UP.

TOUCH

DON'T COMPLAIN.

ANYWAY, I JOINED A SPORTS TEAM, JUST AS YOU TOLD ME TO, MINAMI.

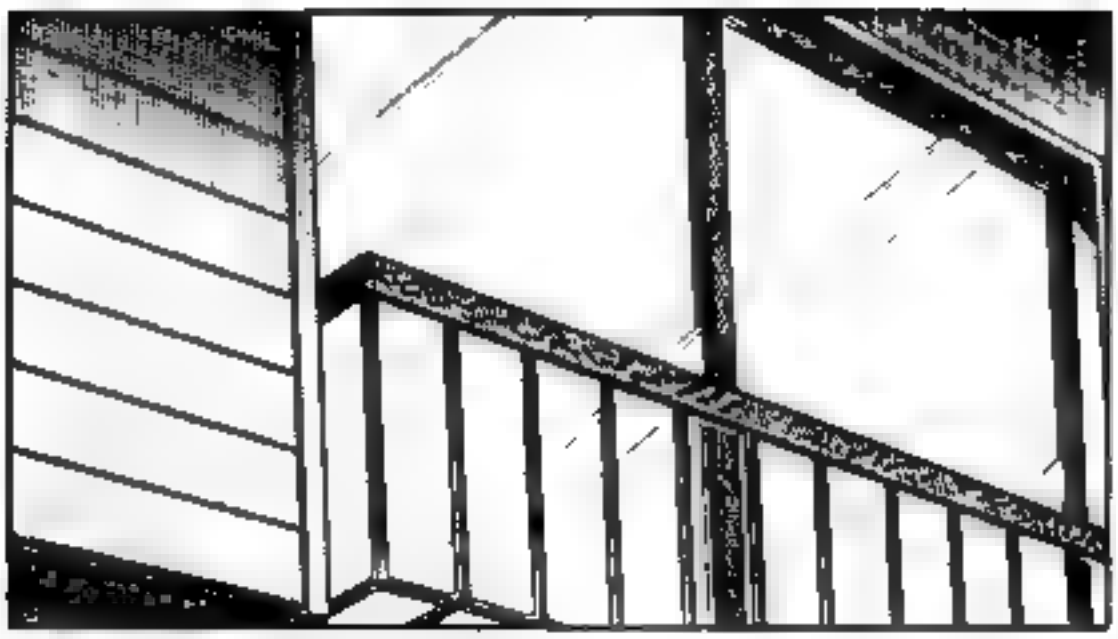
CLACK

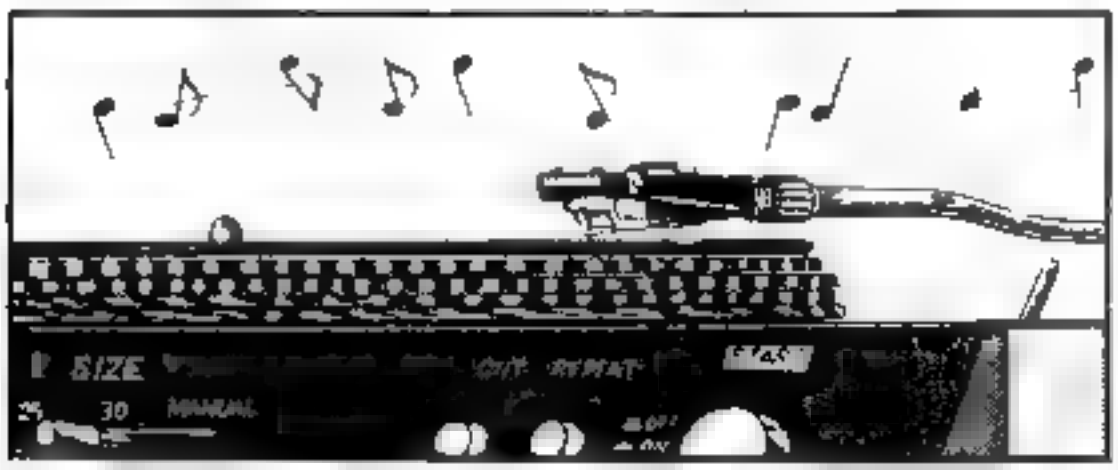
UNTIL I'M ABLE TO THROW A PUNCH...

IT'S NOT IMPORTANT.

HUH?

SLAM





Shoot for Koushien, Katchan!

♡ Asakiyo Minami

DON'T YOU GET A HEAD-ACHE WHEN YOU LISTEN TO CLASSICAL MUSIC?

HUH? THIS IS NEW...

SLAM

CLACK

DOESN'T MATTER TO ME.

JUST ONE MORE PAIN NOW ...

TO

HMM ...

SHE'S WRITING IN HER DIARY.

AH...

WHERE'S MINAMI?

.....

I SEE.

THE INSIDE OF MY MOUTH IS BRUISED, SO I CAN'T TASTE ANYTHING.

THAT'S OKAY.

Shoot for Koushien, Katchan!

SHALL I MAKE SOME COFFEE OR SOMETHING?

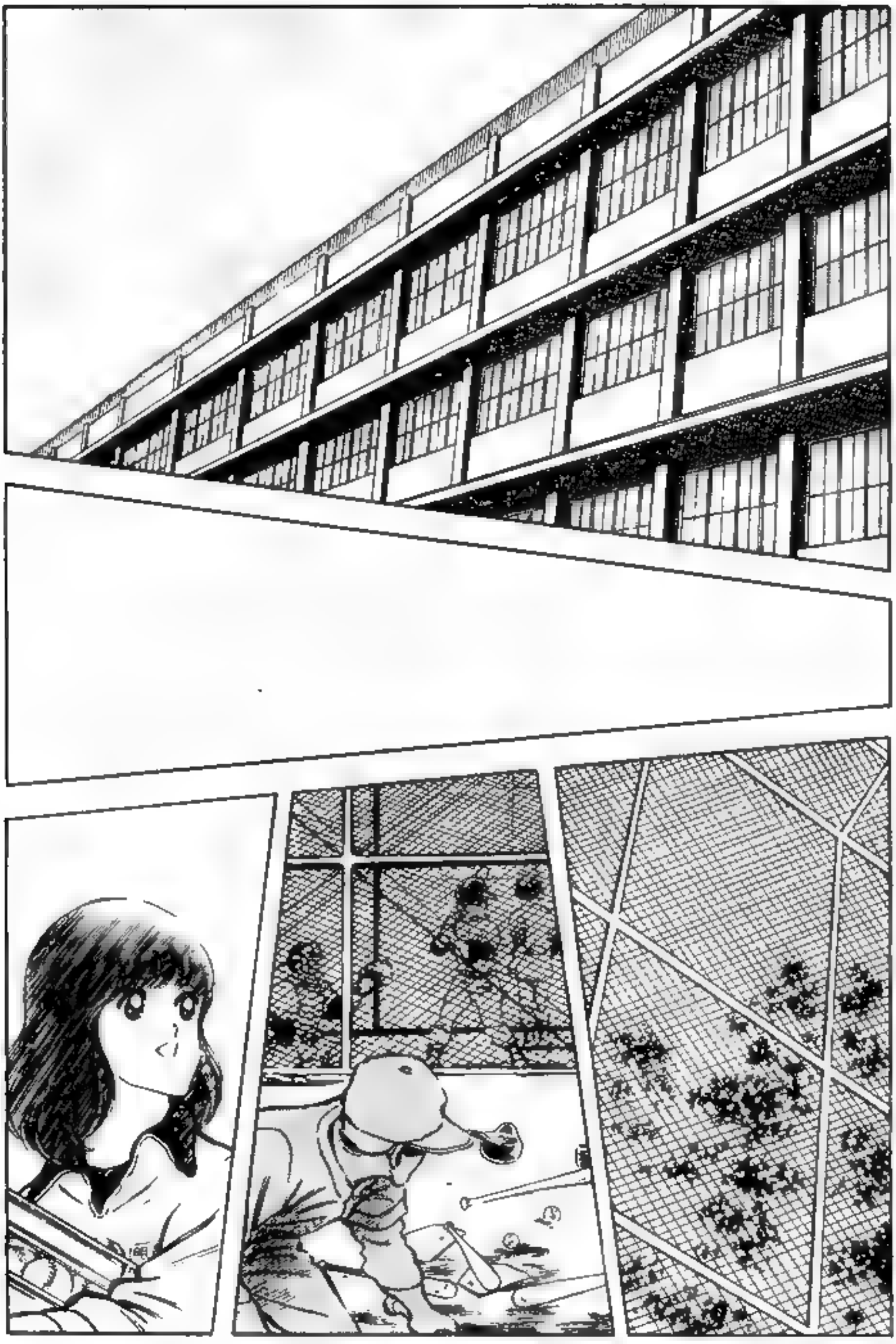
AH ...

KAZUYA ...

UH-HUH.

HMM?

YOU'LL DEFINITELY GO TO KOU-SHIEN...



ボクシング部

<BOXING TEAM>

CRUNCH

CRUNCH

CRUNCH

HEYYY... WHAT'S THE MATTER, WHAT'S THE MATTER!?

HUFF

HUFF

HA

FIGHT...

HMF

HMF

A First Aid Kit Is a Necessity

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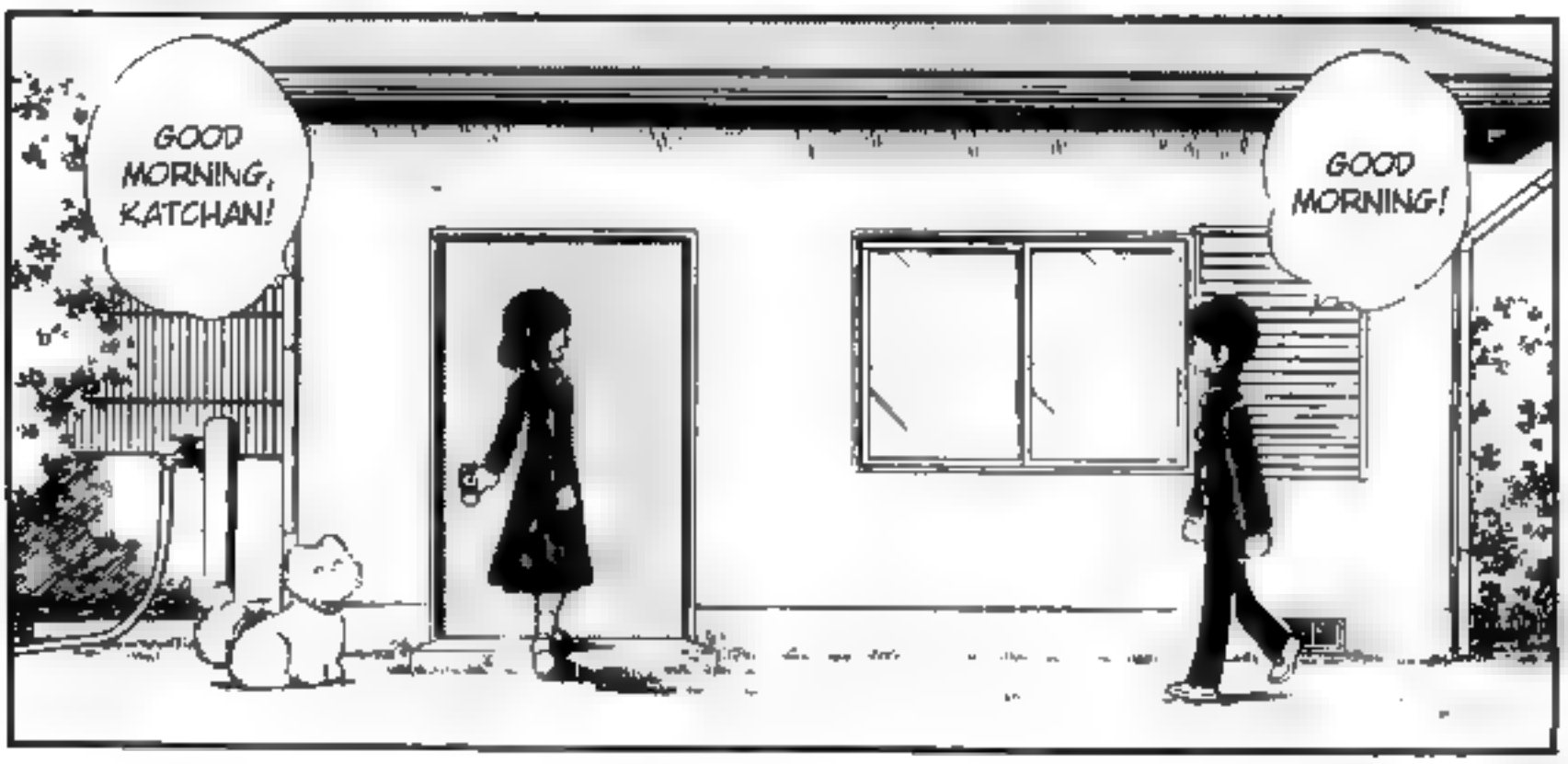

WAH!

.....

SLOWLY

SEE YOU LATER, DEAR.♡

OKAAAY.

IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME, HM...

TILL HE QUITS THE BOXING TEAM.

WHEEZE

WHEEZE

TATCHAN, CAN'T YOU WALK ANY FASTER!?

YOU WANNA END UP TARDY!?

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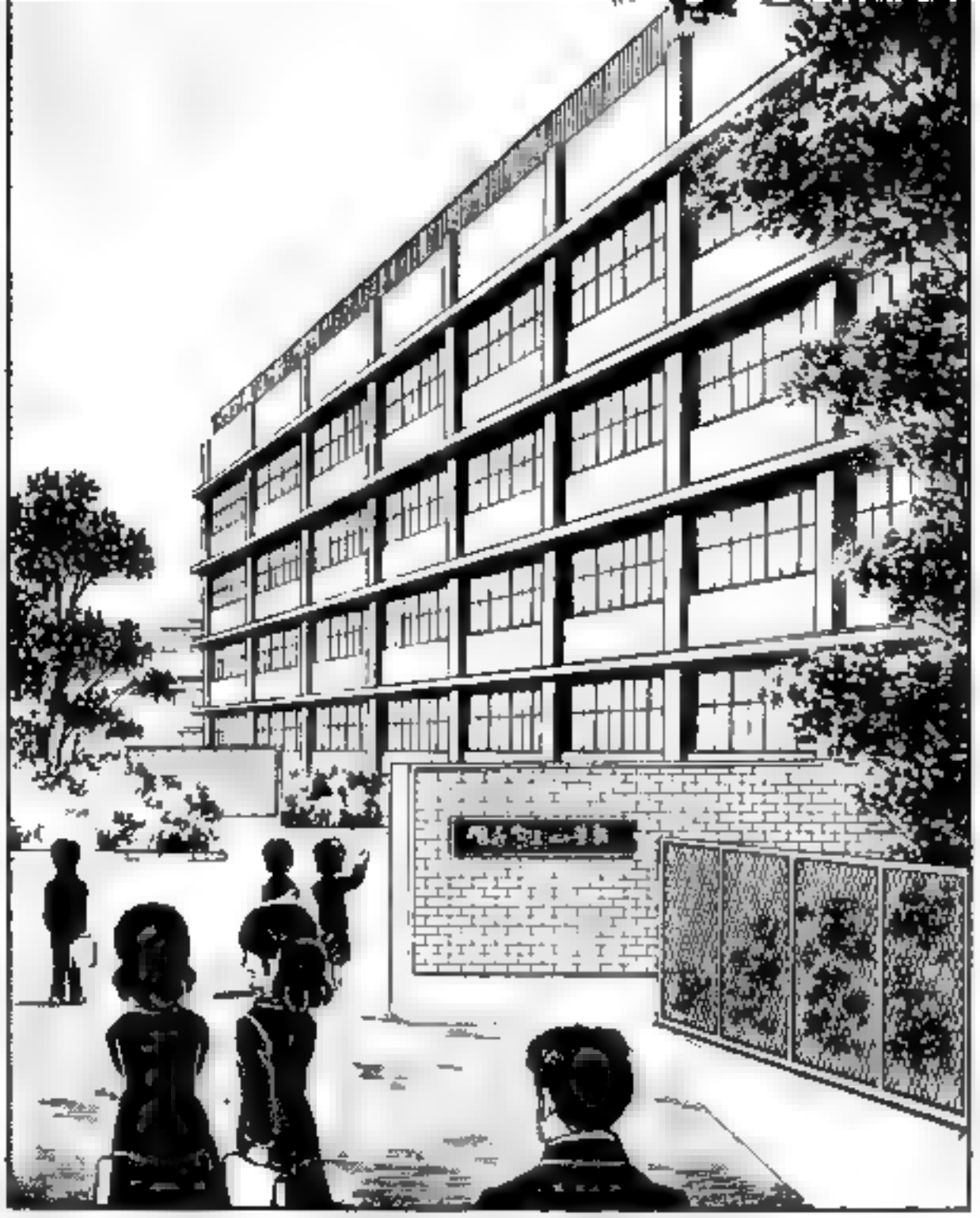

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GOOD MORNING.
GOOD MORNING!
GOOD MORNING!
GOOD MORNING, UESUGI-KUN!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, STUPID ANIKI!?
HOW YA DOING, LAME-BRAIN!?
HI, UESUGI!
WHAT IS IT, YA BASTARD!?

.....

GOOD MORNING, MINAMI-CHA-A-AN!

THANKS, THANKS.

YOU LOOK PRETTIER AGAIN TODAY.

H-I-I, MINAMI!

HOW ARE YA, YA JERK!?

WHAT IS IT, YA BASTARD!?

.....

WHAT'S THE MATTER, SHITHEAD!?

YO, DIPSHIT!

HESUGI!

THEN, FOR HERE...

THE UESUGI WHO'S HIDDEN RIGHT NOW...

NO!

YES!

MATH I

YE-E-ES ...

MY MOM OVERSLEPT AND SLAPPED SOMETHING TOGETHER.

FURIKAKE ON RICE.

WHA-A-AT!? KATCHAN ... WHAT IS THAT BOX LUNCH!?

OR YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO GO TO KOUSHIEN!!

THAT'S NO GOOD! YOU HAVE TO EAT THINGS THAT ARE BETTER PREPARED!

FURIKAKE ON RICE...

OH, TATCHAN. LOOKS DELICIOUS ...

.....

ALL RIGHT! FROM TOMORROW, MINAMI WILL PREPARE SOMETHING FOR YOU!

CARING FOR THE ACE'S HEALTH IS ALSO PART OF A MANAGER'S JOB!

SURE!

AH...

A MOMENT, PLEASE.

ASAKURA-SAN.

MUNCH

WHAT'S THAT, MINAMI-CHAN?

Meisei Baseball Team

MEISE'S BASEBALL TEAM MEMBER'S LIST.

YES.

THEN, IT'S ALL YOURS.

...

KOTAROU, KOTAROU...

LET'S SEE ...

OKAY.

READ MY PART AND SEE WHAT IT SAYS...

HMM.

HM, HM.

MATSUDAIRA KOUTAROU, 1ST-YEAR CATCHER. 178 CM, 92 KG, THROWS RIGHT AND BATS RIGHT.

NEVER MIND THAT.

OH? ARE YOU CHANG-ING IT TO KOUTAROU?

HM, HM.

...ASAKURA MINAMI?

FAVORITE TYPE OF GIRL...

FAVORITE ITEMS... ANYTHING YOU CAN EAT.

INTERESTS... EATING. SPECIAL ABILITIES... EATING A LOT.

LOOKING VERY DELICIOUS.

YUP.

IT SEEMS THEY'RE ALL TYPES OF FOOD...

AND SO, IF IT'S ALL LINED UP...

KATCHAN, KATCHAN...

LET'S SEE.

HUH?

WHAT'S KAZUYA'S FAVORITE TYPE?

...A CONSIDERATE AND TENDERLY GENTLE PERSON...

FAVORITE TYPE OF GIRL...

INTERESTS... SPECIAL ABILITIES ...

YES.

IT'S A SERIOUS STATEMENT ABOUT MY IDEAL.

AIMED AT ME?

IS THIS SARCASM THAT'S...

.....

DASH!

THUD

OOF!

THEN YOU CAN STILL TAKE MORE HITS, HM?

IF YOU CAN RUN THAT MUCH,

GOOD, GOOD.

SORTA...

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THOUGH YOU'RE A 1ST-YEAR STUDENT, YOU SURE SEEM TO ACT LIKE A BIGSHOT.

COME ALONG WITH US.

YEAH.

ARE YOU HARADA SHOUHE?

.....

AH...

OKAY.

HESUGI, YOU GO ON AHEAD TO THE BOXING CLUB.

GOOD!

CLANK

CLANK

MINAMI, WHERE ARE YOU GOING WITH SOMETHING LIKE THAT?

First Aid Kit

IT'S TIME NOW FOR TATCHAN TO BE KNOCKED DOWN, RIGHT?

THE BOXING CLUB.

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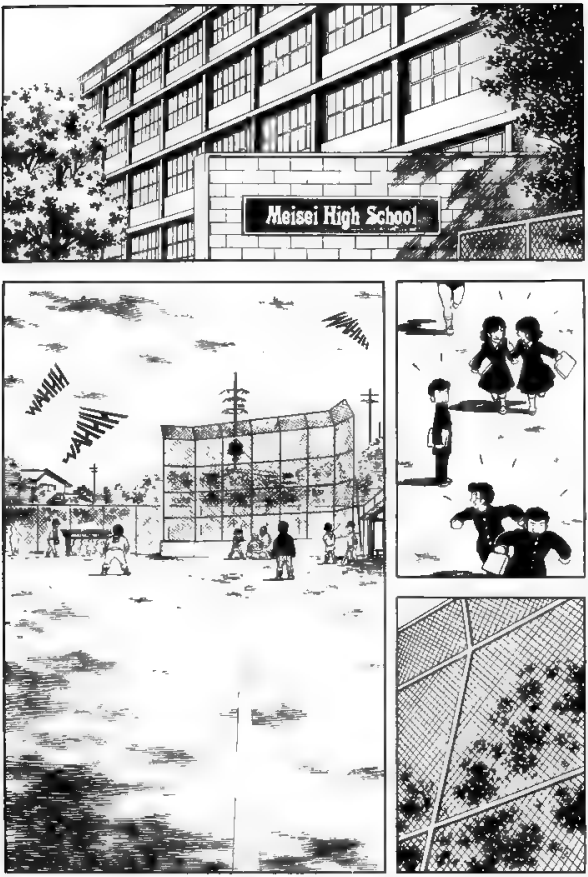
WHERE WERE YOU GOING?

NOWHERE ...

ボクシング部

SIGN: <BOXING CLUB>

Imagining Things As You Please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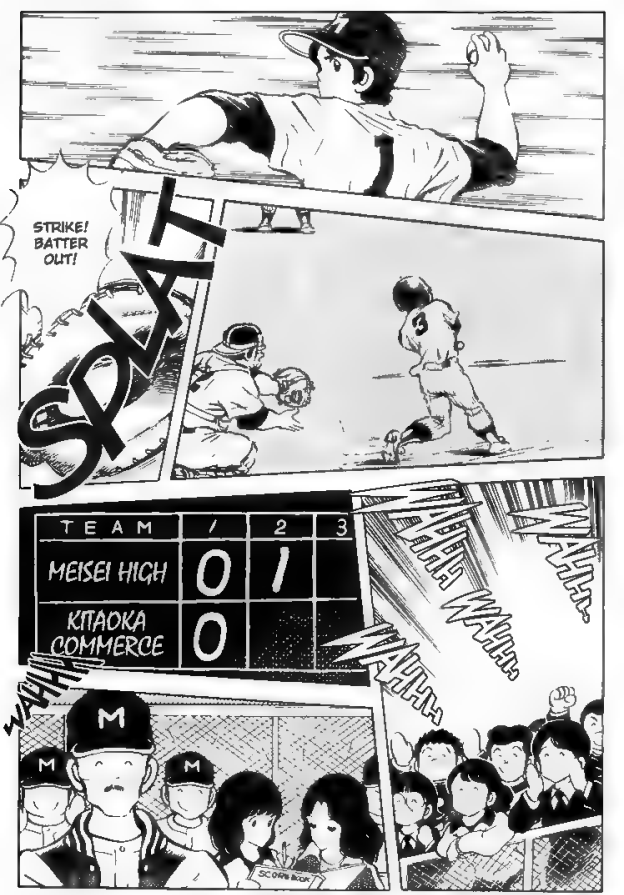
WAHHH
WAHHH



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WHAM
BOXING TEAM
OH?
CLACK
WHERE ARE ALL THE OTHERS?
WHUMP
THEY WENT TO WATCH THE BASEBA... TEAM'S PRACTICE GAME.
EH?
AFTER ALL, IT'S THE FIRST GAME FOR UESUGI KAZUYA-KUN, UPON WHOM HANG THE EXPECTATIONS OF THE ENTIRE SCHOOL.
TODAY, EVEN THE OTHER CLUBS ARE ROOTING FOR HIM, AND EVERYONE'S TAKING A BREAK.

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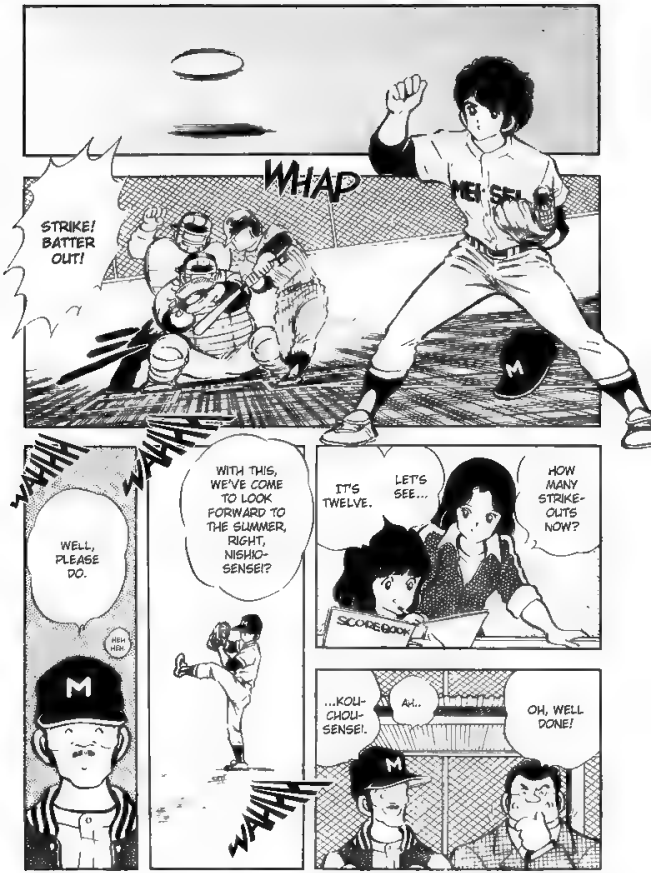
THAT'S OKAY.
IF YOU WANT TO SEE IT TOO, THEN GO.
THUD!
DAMN! HOW IRRESPON-SIBLE.
THAT'S NOT IT, IS IT?
WHUMP
SEEING KAZUYA LOOKING GOOD...
...WILL ONLY MAKE ME FEEL BAD.
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
...IS ASAKURA, RIGHT?
WHAT YOU DON'T WANT TO SEE, ROOTING FOR YOUR KID BROTHER

DUMMY
IT'S NO CONCERN OF YOURS.
BAM
IT MEANS JUST THAT
CLANK
WAHHH

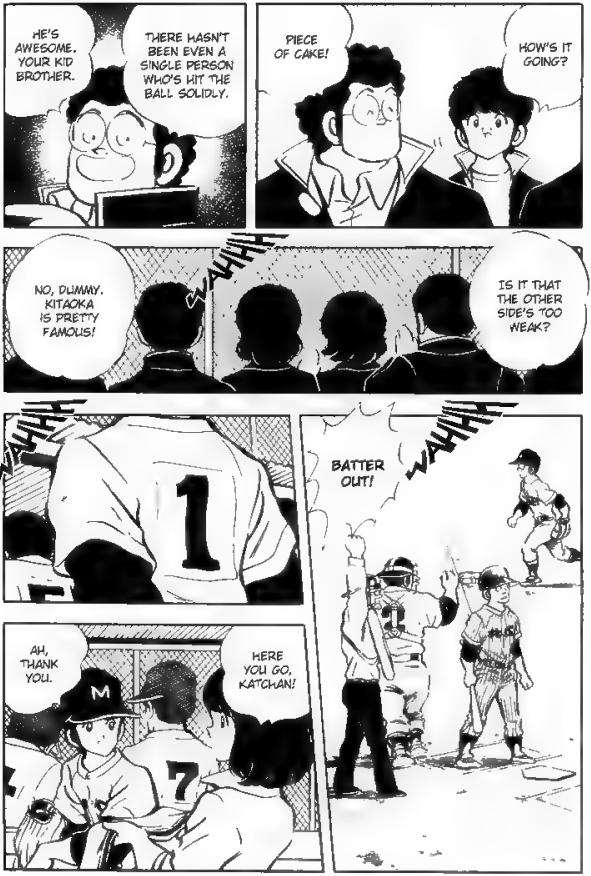
WAHHH
TO GRANT THAT TO HER IS KAZUYA'S DREAM...
WAHHH
KOUSHIEN IS MINAMI'S DREAM...
M
FOR THAT, KAZUYA HAS TRIED HARD ALL ALONG.
WAHHH
ANY
AND NOW...
...KAZUYA HOLDS THE POWER TO SIMPLY MAKE THAT DREAM A REALITY.
WAHHH
6

WHAP
WHAP
YOU HAVEN'T MADE ANY SORT OF EFFORT FOR ASAKURA.
AS HE'S MY KID BROTHER,
I CAN'T ARGUE WITH THAT
AND SO, EVEN NOW THAT YOU'VE REALIZED THAT YOU LIKE ASAKURA...
...YOU'VE ALLOWED YOUR KID BROTHER TO GET A STEP ON YOU, NO MATTER WHAT.
WHAP
WHAP
WHY YOU!
THOSE TWO LOOK GOOD TOGETHER.
ANYONE CAN SEE THAT
DON'T GO IMAGINING THINGS AS YOU PLEASE!
DUM-MY

SWISH
...LOOK PRETTY GOOD TOGETHER!
YOU AND ASAKURA ALSO...
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
IF IT'S A CHOICE BETWEEN BEING HERE WITH YOU...
...I THINK I'D RATHER STILL BE WATCHING BASEBALL... OR SOMETHING...
THUMP
WHUMP
IN ROOTING FOR YOUR KID BROTHER, LET IT ONLY BE FOR BASEBALL.


WHAP
STRIKE! BATTER OUT!
MEISEI
M
WHAM
WELL, PLEASE DO.
HEH HEH
WITH THIS, WE'VE COME TO LOOK FORWARD TO THE SUMMER, RIGHT, NISHIO-SENSEI?
IT'S TWELVE.
LET'S SEE...
HOW MANY STRIKE-OUTS NOW?
SCORE BOOK
...KOU-CHOU-SENSEI!
Ai..
OH, WELL DONE!

WAHHH
MEI SEI
CLANK
WAHHH
WAHHH
WAHHH
WAHHH
YO, TATSU-YA.
WAHHH


HE'S AWESOME. YOUR KID BROTHER.
THERE HASN'T BEEN EVEN A SINGLE PERSON WHO'S HIT THE BALL SOLIDLY.
PIECE OF CAKE!
HOW'S IT GOING?
NO, DUMMY. KITAOKA IS PRETTY FAMOUS!
WAHHH
IS IT THAT THE OTHER SIDE'S TOO WEAK?
WAHHH
1
WAHHH
BATTER OUT!
AH, THANK YOU.
HERE YOU GO, KATCHAN!

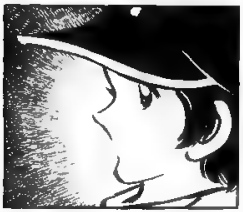
IT'S ONLY WALKS AND ERRORS SO IT'S STILL A NO-HITTER.
THAT'S RIGHT!
AH, THAT'S NOT IT AT ALL...
SCORE BOOK

YOU'RE SPEEDING ALONG NICELY, BUT ARE YOU SHOOTING FOR A NO-HIT SHUTOUT?
EH?

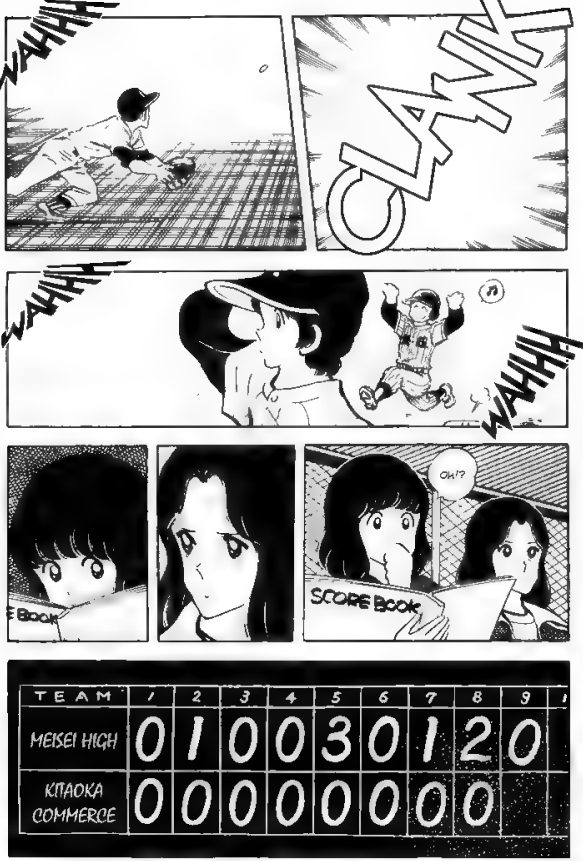
HEY, HEY
A NO-HIT SHUTOUT!
LET'S DO IT, KATCHAN! 2 MORE INNINGS!

OKA-A-AY.

HE'LL GO OVERBOARD AND HIS RHYTHM WILL BE THROWN OFF.
THAT'S NO GOOD... A MANAGER MUSTN'T HOUND SOMEONE OVER SOMETHING LIKE THAT.



SHOOT FOR IT, SHOOT FOR IT.
IT'S OKAY, IT'S OKAY



TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1
MEISEI HIGH	0	1	0	0	3	0	1	2	0	
KITAOKA COMMERCE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

STRIKE!!
HAHAHA
HAHAHA
HAHAHA

M
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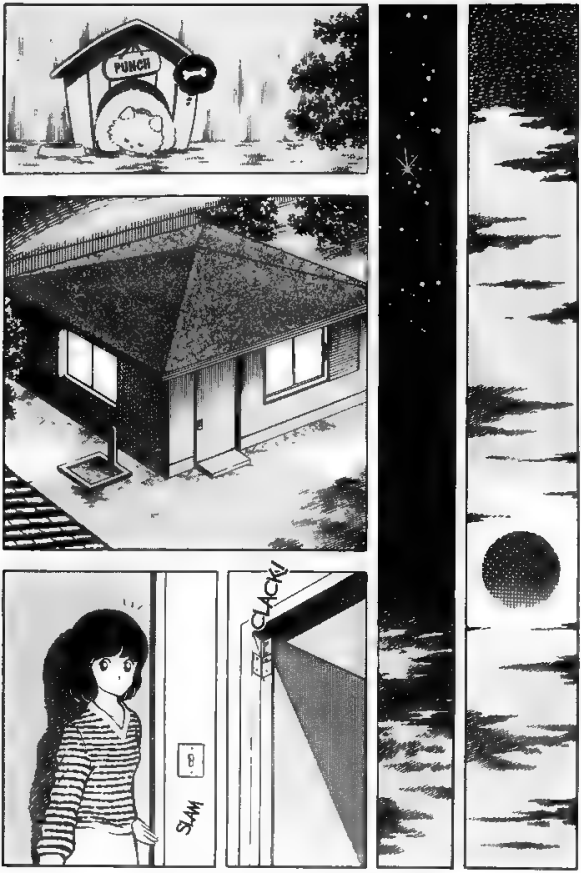
EIJOSEI
M
GEE, WE MIGHT REALLY BE GOING TO KOUSHIEN.
OOH.
UGLY ?
RIGHT ?
RIGHT, TATSU-YA?


PUNCH
CLACK!
SLAM

ZZZ
ZZZ
CLICK

Perhaps

MAYBE I'D BETTER TAKE AN UMBRELLA ...

SLAM

THE WEATHER LOOKS IFFY.

HUH ...

ARF

PUNCH ...

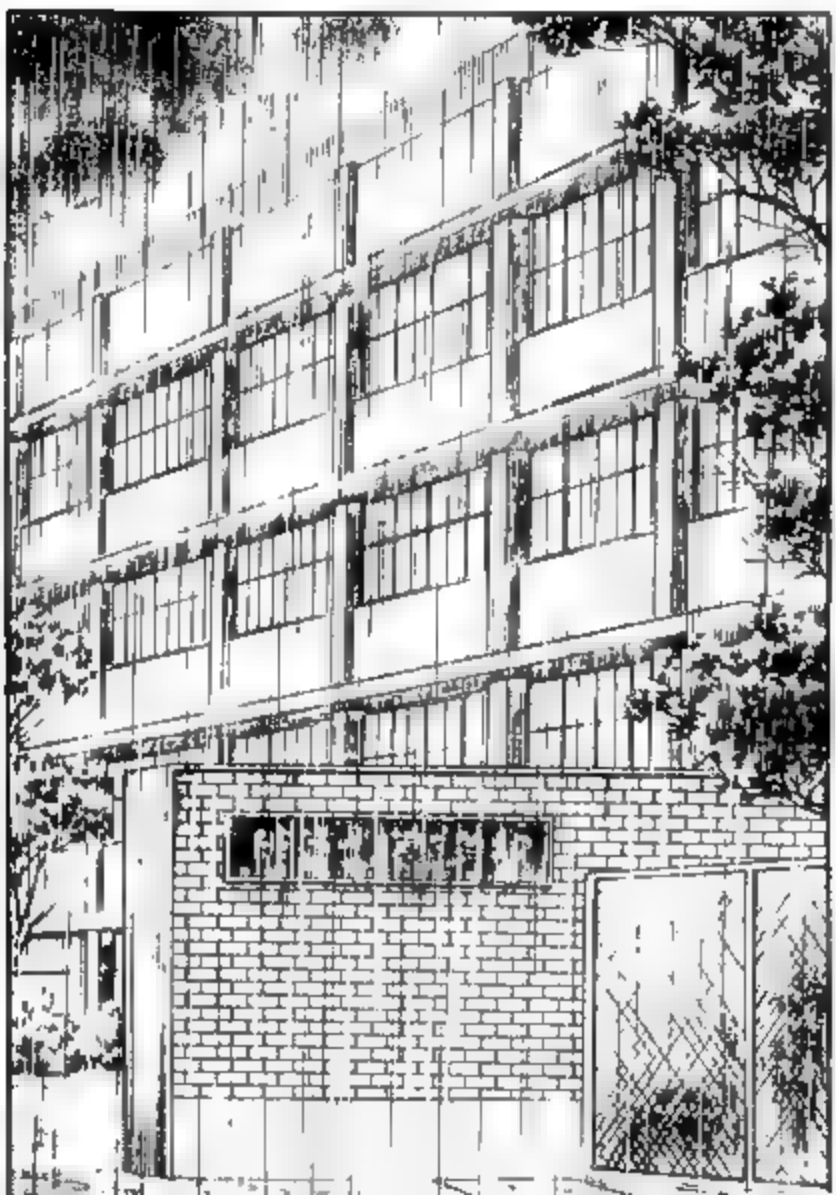
WILL IT RAIN TODAY?

パンチ

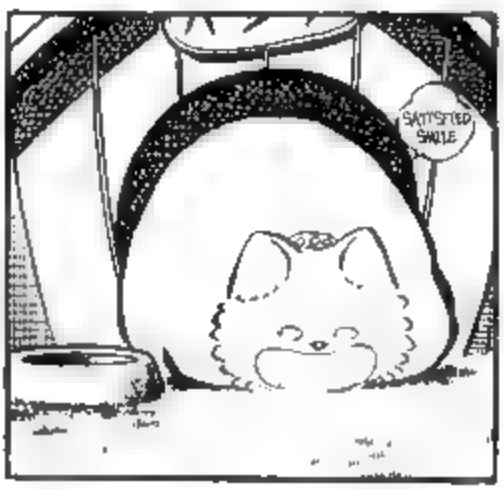
HERE YOU GO!

PUNCH'S WEATHER FORECAST IS A SURE THING..

ARF
IT WON'T RAIN, WILL IT...?



ALL RIGHT!


SATISFIED SMILE

SFX: <SPLISHHH>
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EH...?
THERE'S NO BASEBALL PRACTICE TODAY!
KOU-TAROU-KUN...
KAT-CHAN ...
...THE COACH SAID ..
IT'S THE PERFECT CHANCE FOR THE NEW PLAYERS TO REST UP...

HE COULD HAVE LEFT OUT THAT LAST LINE, HUH?

AH, REALLY!

I HEAR THAT INSTEAD, HE DOESN'T THINK WE'LL HAVE ANY MORE SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS OFF..

HOW NICE OF HIM...

HOW SENSIBLE!!

AH! REALLY!?

DIDN'T WE EAT SOME THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY?

FIRST TIME IN A WHILE...?

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A WHILE, LET'S GO EAT OKONOMIYAKI ON THE WAY HOME!!

ALL RIGHT, KAZUYA!

Here I am on my knees begging if you please

And I imagine you don't go my way

WHAT DOES RAIN HAVE TO DO WITH THE BOXING TEAM?

.. ..

THE BASEBALL TEAM

THEY'RE TAKING THE DAY OFF ..

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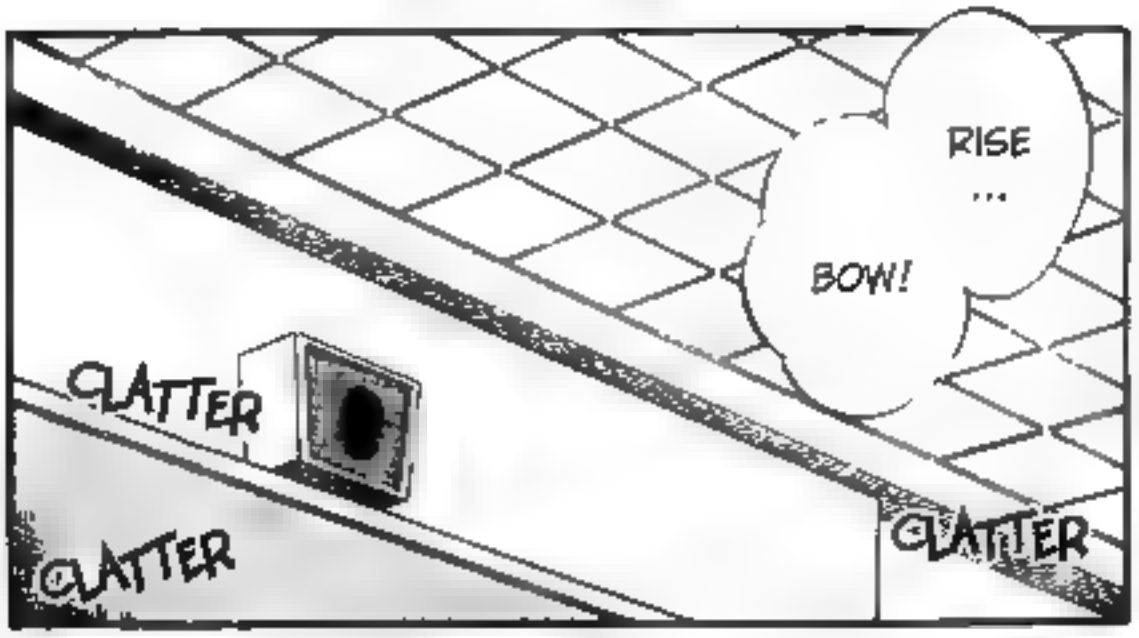
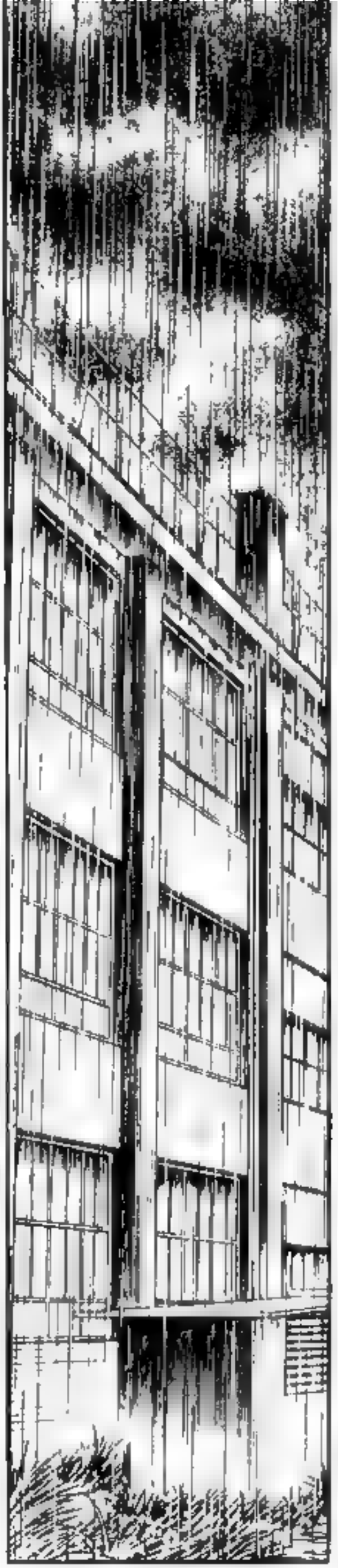




WE'RE WITH THE MEISEI HIGH QUESTIONNAIRE-LOVING GROUP!!

TO EVERYONE IN 1-A, I APOLOGIZE FOR DISTURBING YOU ALL OF A SUDDEN!

EXCUSE US!!

...AND WE ARE HERE TO OFFICIALLY HONOR THAT!!

FROM THIS CLASS HAVE BEEN CHOSEN AS THE BEST COUPLE AMONG THE 1ST-YEAR STUDENTS...

ON THIS OCCASION, ASAKURA-SAN AND UESUGI-KUN...

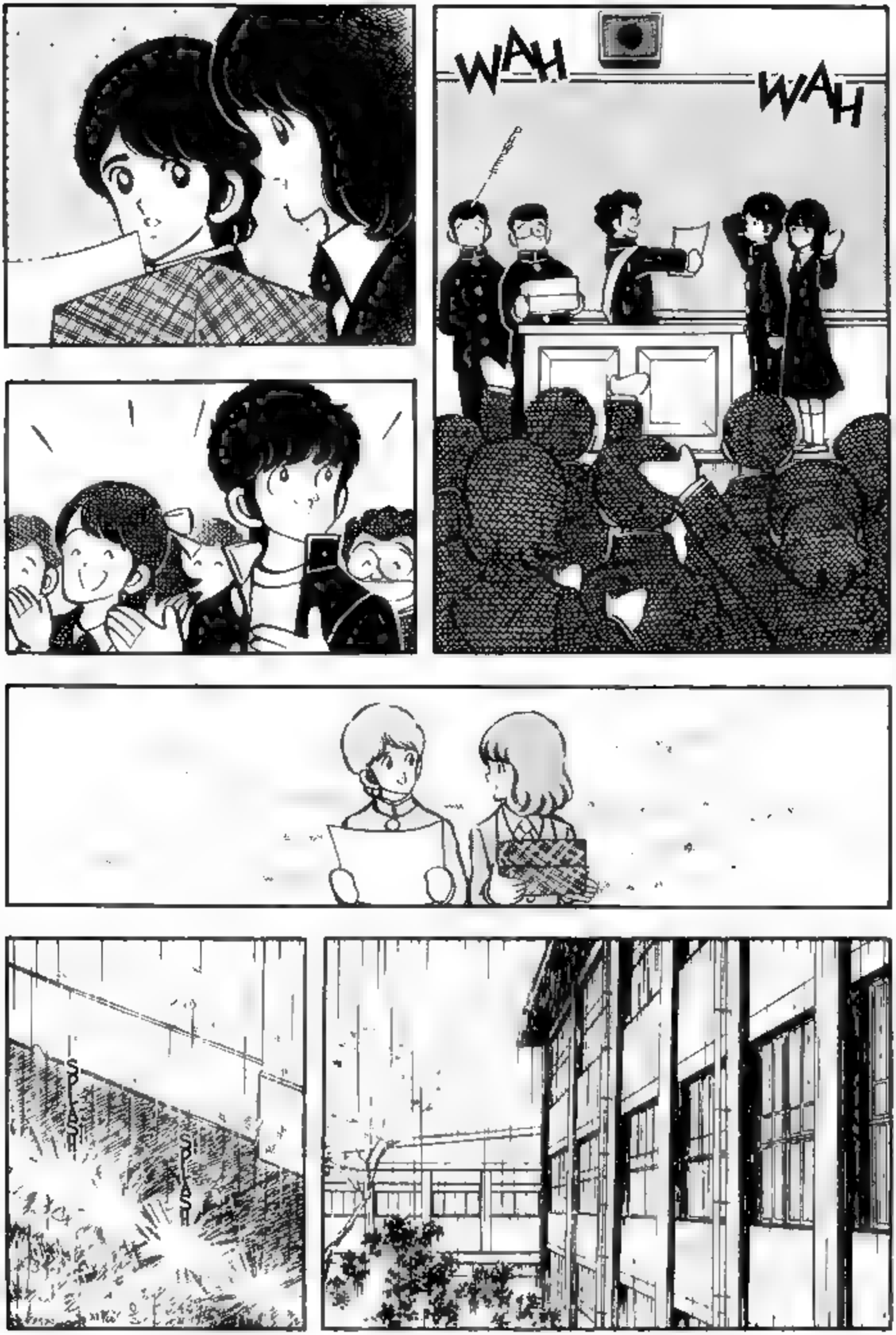
PIKU

CLAP CLAP

CLAP CLAP

WAH

SO, WILL THE TWO COME UP FRONT!!
THANK YOU, THANK YOU ...
AH...
SLAP
OW


WAH
WAH
SPLASH
SPLASH

BUZZ
BUZZ
BUZZ
BUZZ
IT'S SO...
JUST ACT REALLY NATURAL,
AS YOU HAVE TILL NOW...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT...
(HA)
WHAT'S THAT, RIGHT ...!?
BEST COUPLE, HUH...

DIDN'T YOU BRING AN UMBRELLA EITHER!?

C'MON, HARADA

ALL RIGHT! WE'LL RUN TO THE CLUBROOM!!

ARE WE GOING HOME WEARING TRASH-BAGS!?

YUCK, THAT'S PATHETIC!

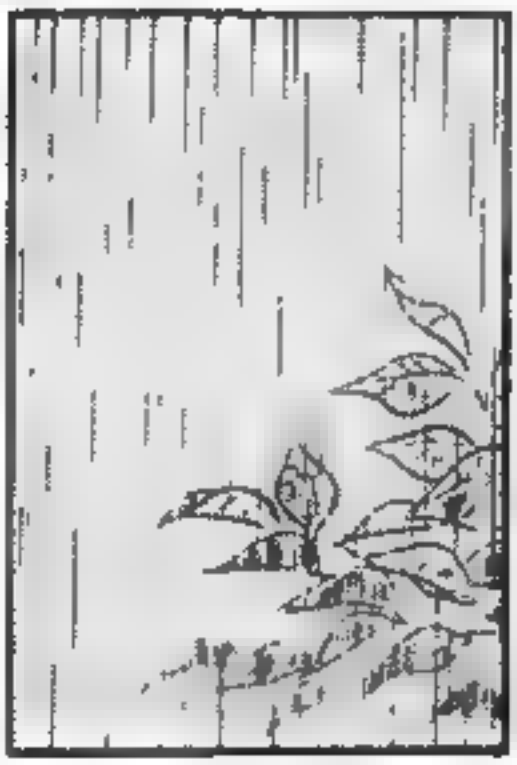
SHUT UP, UNRIPE TRASH!!

BUT WHAT'LL WE DO ABOUT GOING HOME?!

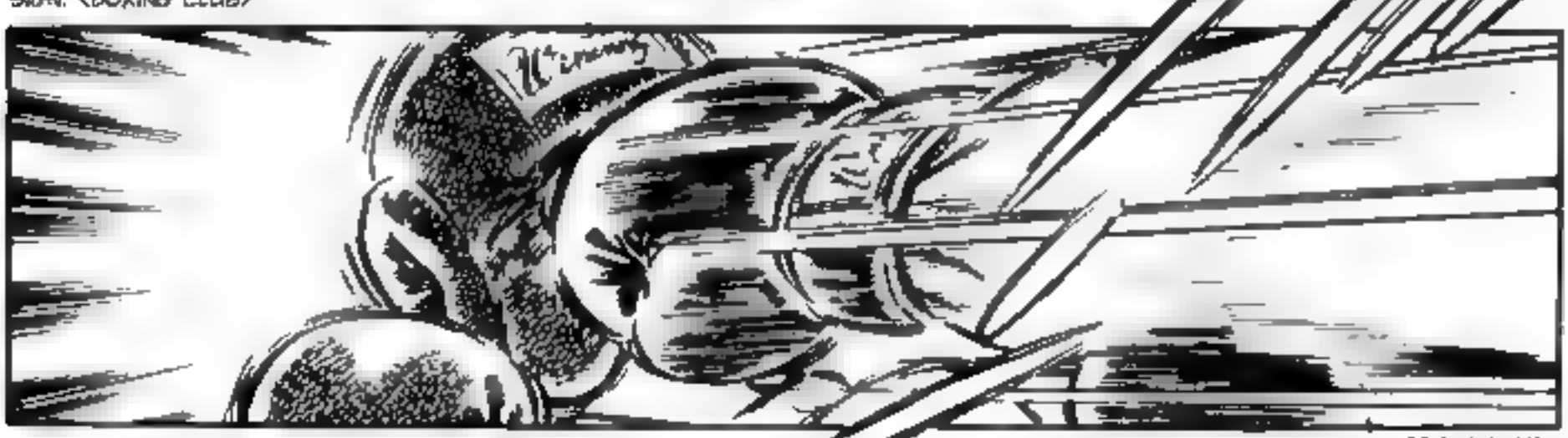
TO THE CLUB-ROOM IS FINE,

THERE ARE PLASTIC BAGS IN THE CLUBROOM ...

YES YES!!
WELL, KAZUYA, LET'S GO!
I-A
LET'S GO, LET'S GO!
FOR OKONO-MIYAKI
WHY DON'T YOU COME ALONG TOO, MINAMI?
I SEE ...
BESIDES, I WANT TO RESEARCH SOMETHING FOR A BIT AT THE LIBRARY, AND GO HOME..
I'VE BEEN GAINING WEIGHT RECENTLY ...
I'LL PASS.
A PLACE YOU CAN'T SEE!
WHERE'VE YOU GAINED WEIGHT?
YOU'RE KID-DING!



SIGN: <BOXING CLUB>



SFX: <WHAM>

SFX: <SPLAT>

SFX: <WHACK!>

HE'S HOPE-LESS ..
THAT GUY ..
EEK
COME HIT ME!!
WHAT'S THE MATTER, HESUGI!?
I WON'T BE BOXING SOMEONE LIKE YOU!!
DUMMY! YOU'RE IGNORING OUR WEIGHT DIFFERENCE!!
EEK.
COME HIT ME, HESUGI!!
SFX: <WHACK>

JER-R-R ...!?
YOU ...!!
ERK
EEK!!
SFX: <WHACK>

LIBRARY

.....

WHAT A HOPELESS GUY.

HAA

WHEEZE

IT'S JUST THAT I DON'T HAPPEN TO HAVE AN AGGRESSIVE PERSONALITY, BY NATURE.

I'M A PEACE-LOVING GUY.

ALL RIGHT!

THAT'S IT FOR TODAY!!

ボクシング部

SIGN: <BOXING CLUB>

NO, I WON'T

...WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT, YOU'LL END UP FIGHTING ...

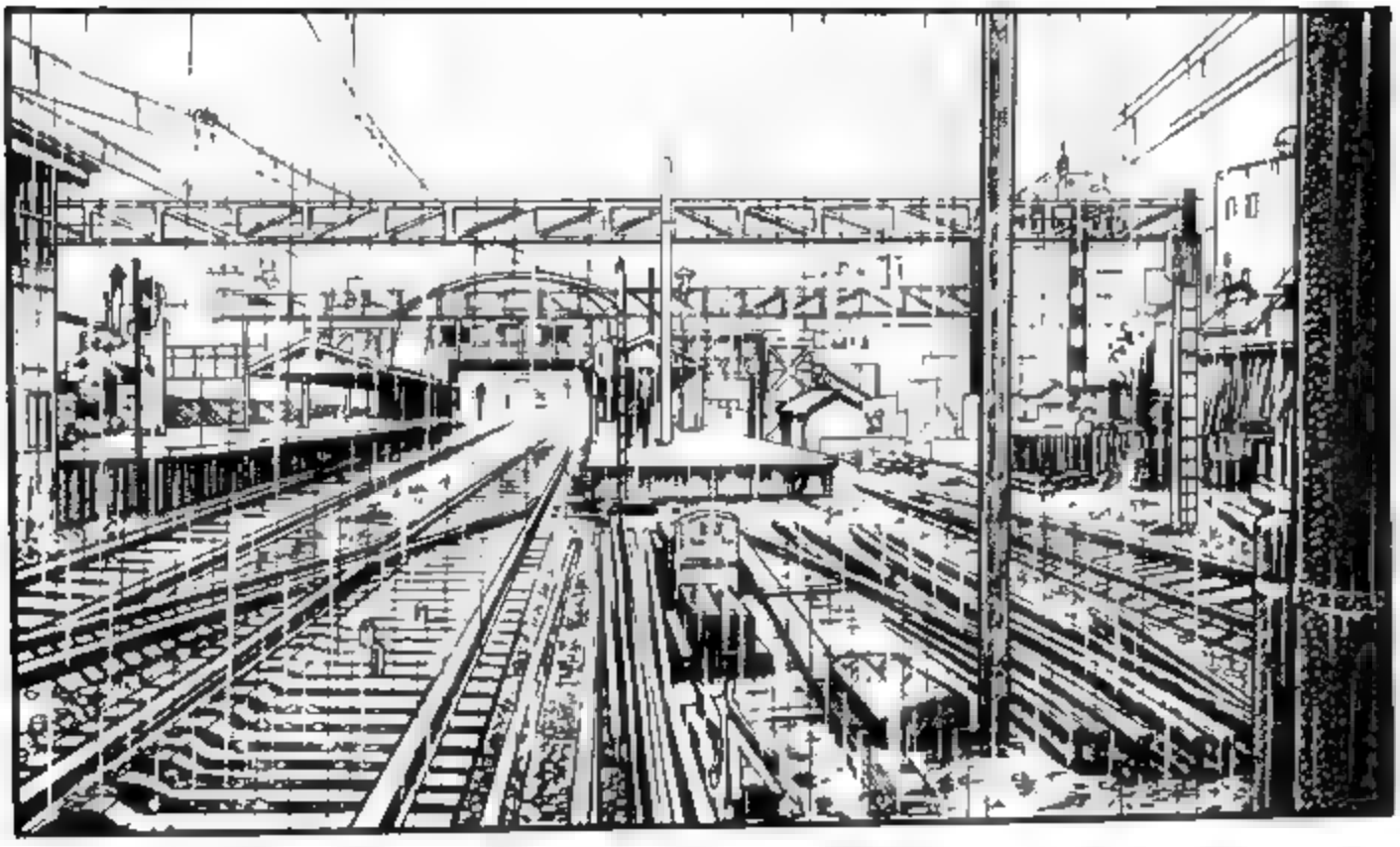
WELL, ONE OF THESE DAYS ..

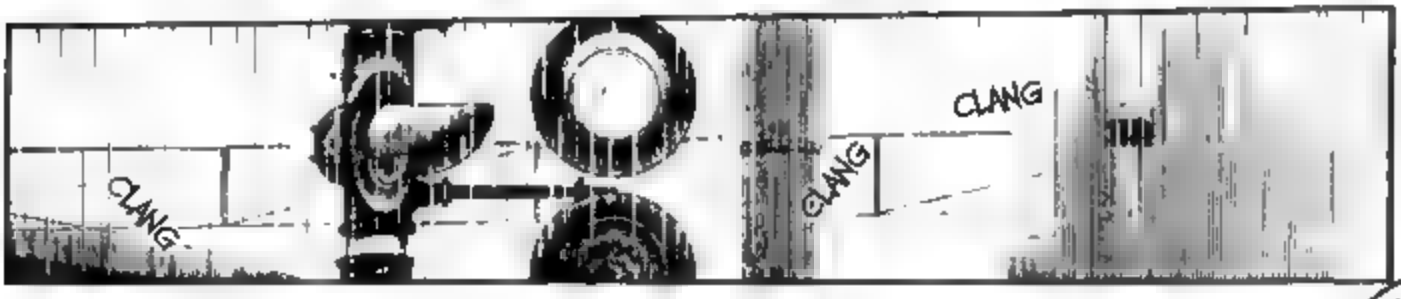
YOU WILL...

WITH YOUR OWN KID BROTHER

SIGN: < XIN CLUB>

The Better Couple





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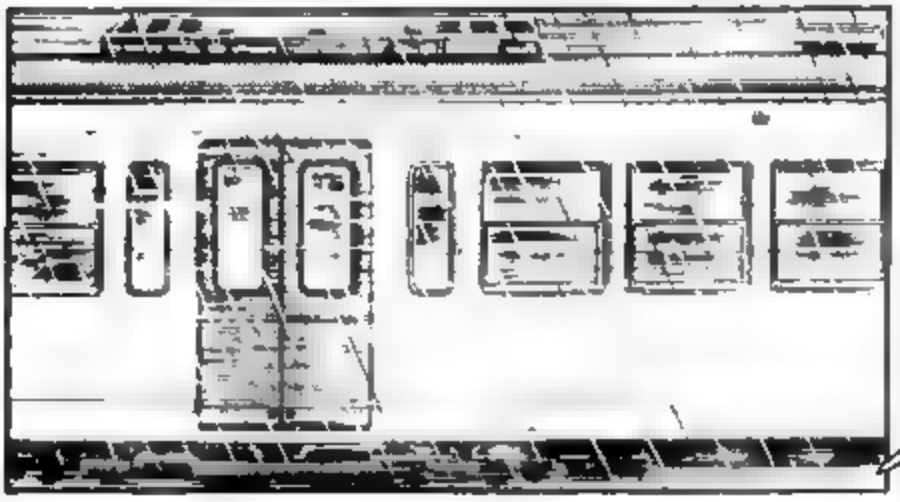

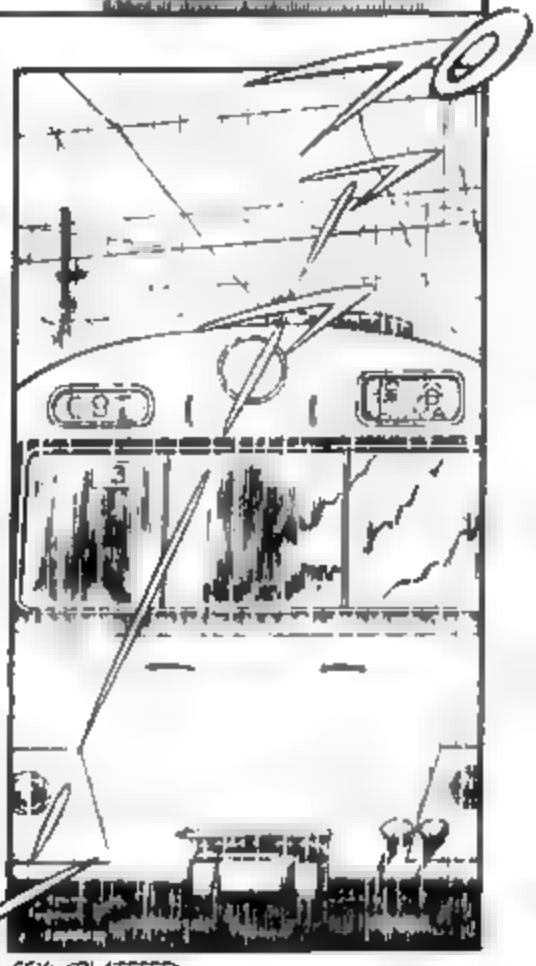

SFX: <BLATTTTT>

CLANG

CLANG

CLANG

CLANG...

SIGN: <RAILROAD CROSSING>

THE INSIDE OF MY MOUTH IS CUT AND SORE.

DUMMY.

WHY HAVEN'T YOU SAID ANYTHING FOR A WHILE NOW?

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...SO I JUST DROPPED BY ON MY WAY HOME...

I HAD TO TAKE CARE OF SOME-THING AT THE LIBRARY ...

IT'S NOT REALLY ...

...THAT I WENT OUT OF MY WAY TO WAIT FOR YOU, TATCHAN.

THERE'S NO WAY ANYONE WOULD MISUNDER-STAND.

TAKE IT EASY

NO ONE WILL SEE IT IN THAT LIGHT...

AND WHAT WE'RE DOING

THE TWO OF US ARE WALKING .

THAT JERK... HE DIDN'T PULL HIS PUNCHES AT ALL, AND BEAT THE HELL OUTTA ME...

SHIT.

RIGHT.

HARADA-KUN?

OW OW OW!

THE ONE WHO'S MIS-UNDER-STANDING

HARADA'S THE ONE.

...

TATCHAN AND MINAMI ...

I WONDER IF IT'S SUCH A BAD MATCH ...

HM?

YOU AND KAZUYA MATCH TOO WELL

TRUE ...

AFTER ALL, WE'RE THE "BEST COUPLE."

EEP!

DAMN! WORTH-LESS

A NOTE-BOOK AND PENCIL..

WHAT STUFF DID YOU GET?

OH GOD ..

YOU'RE CONTINUING QUITE NICELY, AREN'T YOU ..

ON THE BOXING TEAM I EXPECTED YOU TO QUIT A LONG TIME AGO!

SO STRANGE.

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SAY THANK YOU.
BYE!
HM?
I WENT OUT OF MY WAY TO WAIT FOR YOU TO GET THROUGH WITH THE BOXING TEAM!!

EH?

A LIE.

BUT JUST NOW ...

Which one?

A lie.

...

HEY, TATSUYA!
SPLISH SPLASH
OH?
DIDN'T YOU TAKE AN UMBRELLA?
RATTLE
UH-UH.
YOU'LL CATCH A COLD.
YOU SHOULD GO TAKE A BATH.

YOUR WOUNDS WILL PROBABLY STING, SO I'LL MAKE THE WATER LUKE-WARM.

SURE.

SPLASH

...I SEE

OH...

YOUR BODY'S BECOME PRETTY FIRM...

OHH?

KAZUYA! GIVE ME A HAND HERE!
OKA-A-AY.
TAKE IT EASY, AT LEAST ON THE RARE TIMES YOU HAVE A BREAK FROM THE BASEBALL TEAM.
IT'S OKAY... I'LL GO.
KAZUYA! GIVE ME A HAND HERE!
SFX: <RATTLE>
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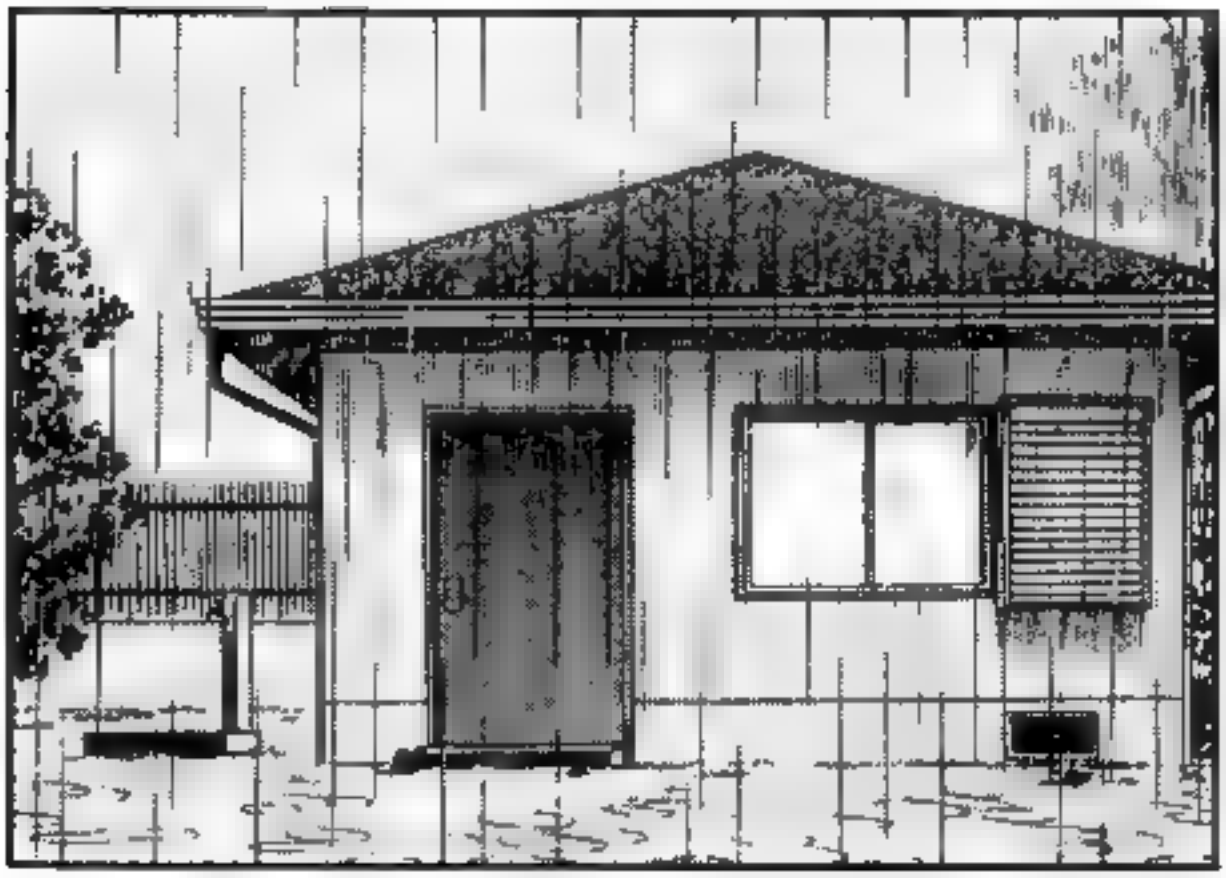
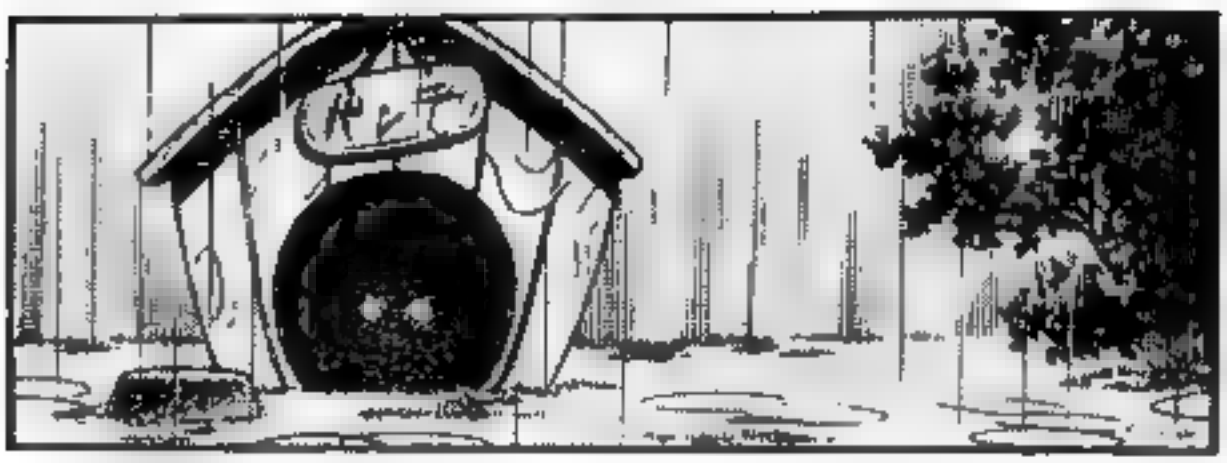
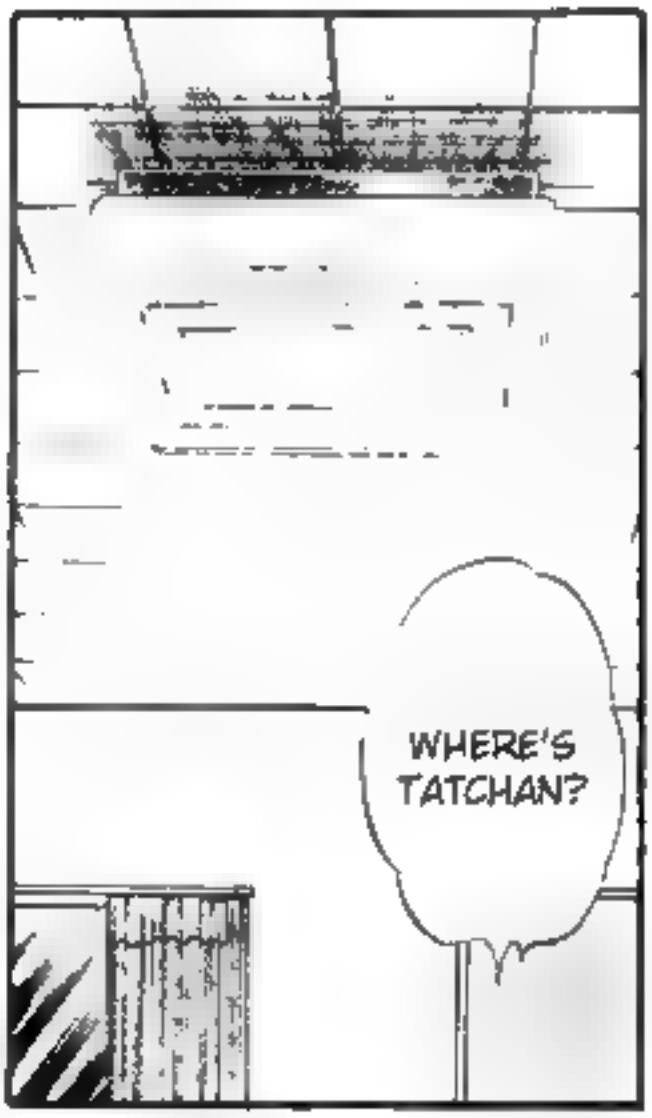




SIGH! <PUNCH>

HE TOOK A BATH AND WENT TO BED.

EVEN THOUGH MIDTERMS ARE COMING UP...
HOW HOPE-LESS


WHERE'S TATCHAN?

OH?

IT LOOKS LIKE HE DIDN'T TAKE AN UMBRELLA.

YUP.

DRIPPING WET?

SO HE SHOULDN'T PUSH HIMSELF TOO HARD.

HE CAME HOME DRIPPING WET...

UH-UH. NOTHING ...

HM?

IT'S TURNED INTO A DRIZZLE, HM...

IF IT RAINS TOO MUCH, IT WOULD BE AWFUL FOR THE GROUND CREW...

I'M GLAD ..

THAT'S TRUE.

UH-HUH.

WHEN THE MIDTERMS ARE OVER

...THE QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT WILL BE HERE IN NO TIME

IT'S KOU-SHIEN!!

UH-HUH.

IT'S FIGHT, FIGHT.

RIGHT AWAY,

NO MATTER WHAT.

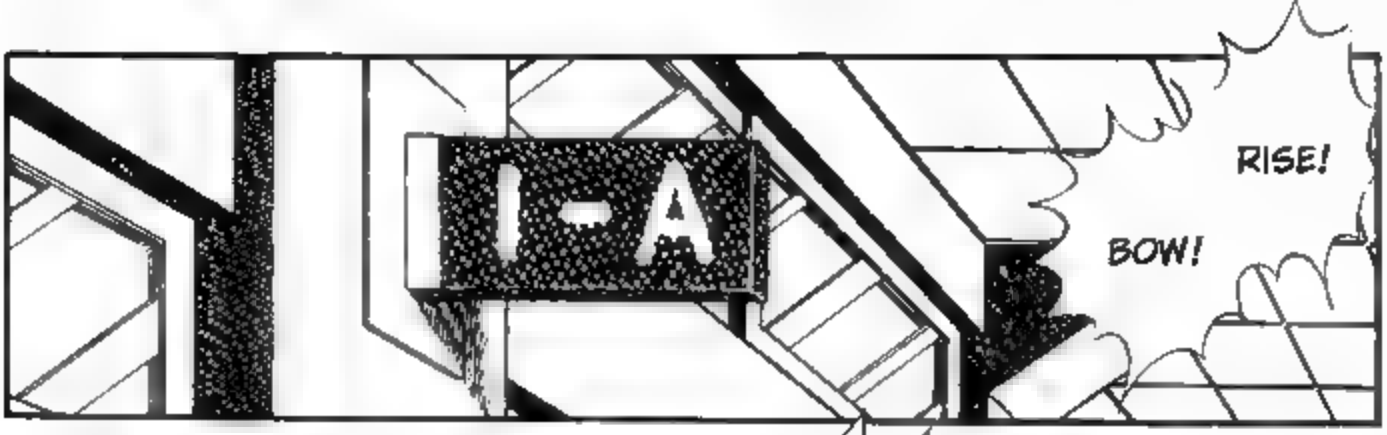
I'LL TRY WITH ALL MY MIGHT

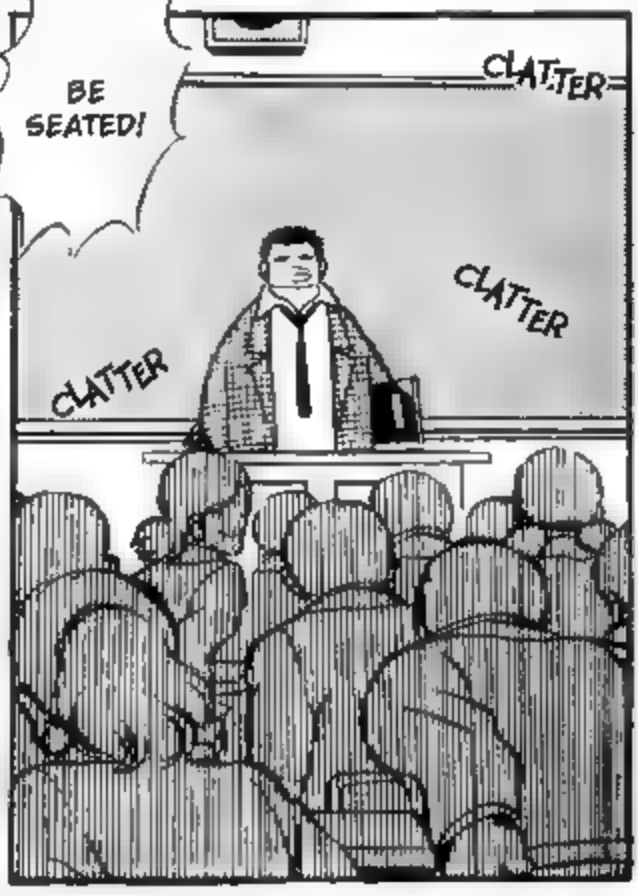
THAT'S TRUE ...

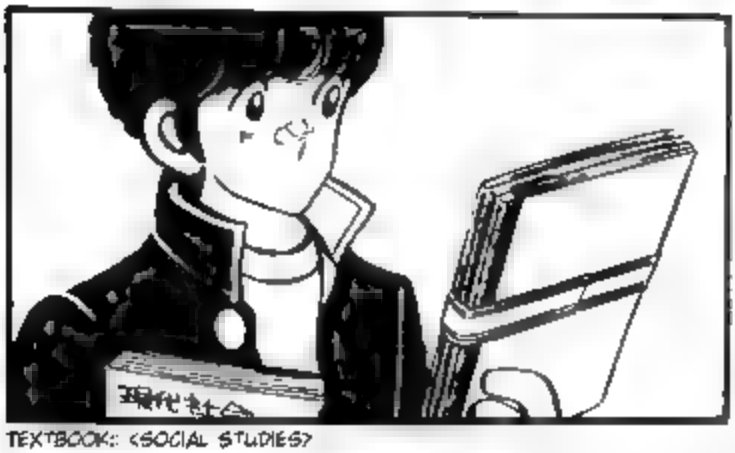
SIGN: <MEISEI HIGH SCHOOL>

TO BUY A NOTE-BOOK.
WHY?
LEND ME SOME MONEY.
MINAMI ...
TO BUY A NEW ONE, SINCE I USED THIS ONE UP!
WHY?
UESUGI!
AH ...
REALLY?
ARE YOU PICKING A FIGHT?
THAT'S ALL YOU HAVE FOR SCRIBBLING
IT WAS AWFUL, WASN'T IT?

SEE YOU LATER.
I HEAR YOU'LL BE CLEANING UP THE CLUB-ROOM DURING LUNCH RECESS.
BZZZZZZZ







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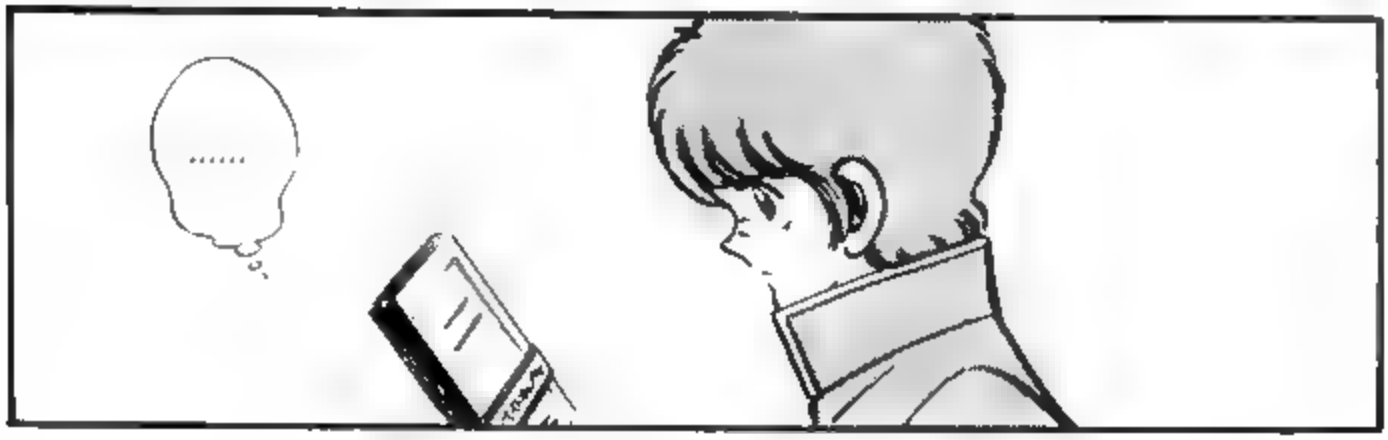
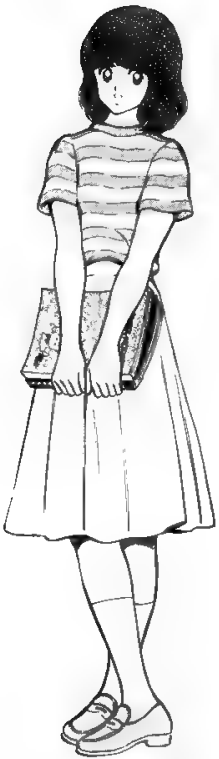
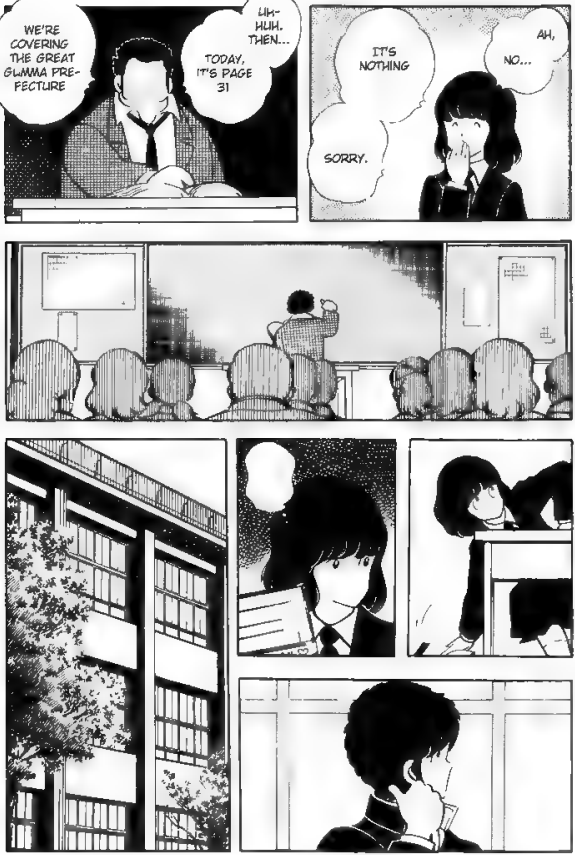
NOTEBOOK BAND: <CONGRATULATIONS! BEST COUPLE>



Tatsuya-kun's Not His Usual Self



WHAP!
WHIZZZZ
OWWWW!
WHAT'S WRONG, ASAKURA ?
WHAT IS IT?


WE'RE COVERING THE GREAT GUNMA PREFECTURE
UH-HUH. THEN...
TODAY, IT'S PAGE 31
AH, NO...
IT'S NOTHING
SORRY.

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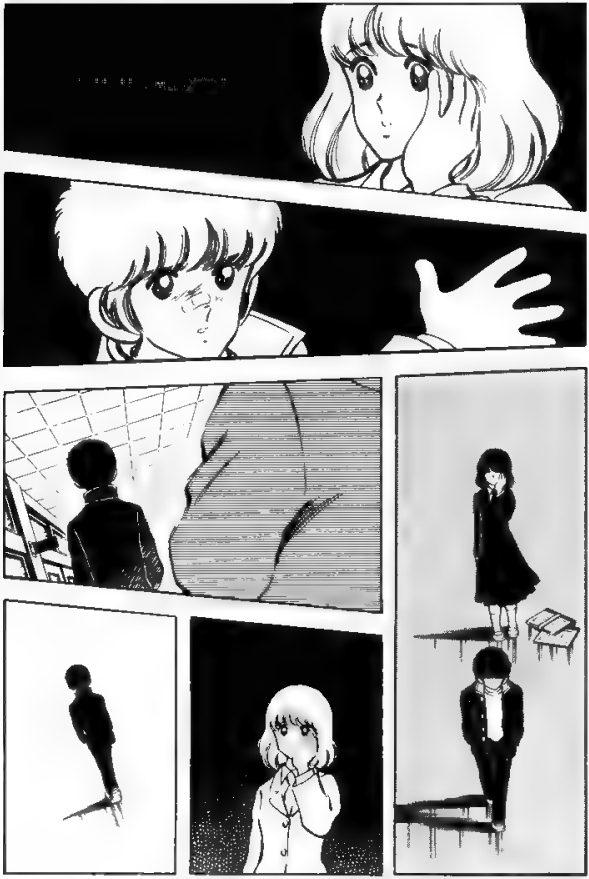
HOW CAN I USE SOMETHING LIKE THAT !?
STUPID JERK!
WHEN SOMEONE TOOK THE TROUBLE TO GIVE YOU THIS!
WHAT WAS THAT !?
IT'S THE PRIZE YOU GOT FROM THE QUESTIONNAIRE CLUB THAT PICKED YOU AS BEST COUPLE...
ISN'T IT?
WHY NOT?
THEN USE IT!
I KNOW THAT.
BUT INSIDE IS JUST AN ORDINARY NOTEBOOK.
THAT'S RIGHT.

...WON'T USE THAT NOTEBOOK FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE.
HE PROBABLY
HUH?
KAZUYA HAS STORED HIS OWN ONE AWAY CAREFULLY IN HIS DRAWER.
OH?
WHAT?
YOU CARE QUITE A BIT, HM, TATCHAN?
IT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU CAN SIMPLY GIVE TO ANYONE.
IT'S YOURS AND KAZUYA'S REMEMBRANCE.

I DON'T NEED IT.
THEN, JUST ONE NOTE-BOOK.
I'LL KEEP THE REST
YOU DON'T HAVE A NOTEBOOK, DO YOU?
HOW COME? USE IT!
A NOTE-BOOK LIKE THAT!
I DON'T WANT IT!
WHAT'S WITH THIS HOLDING BACK STUFF?
I DON'T NEED IT!
YOU'RE JEALOUS, TATCHAN.
I SEE.. YOU'RE JEALOUS!
AHH!!

SLAP!
FLUTTER



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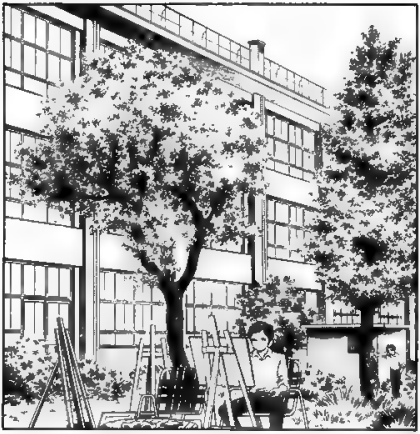
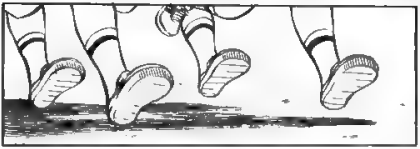
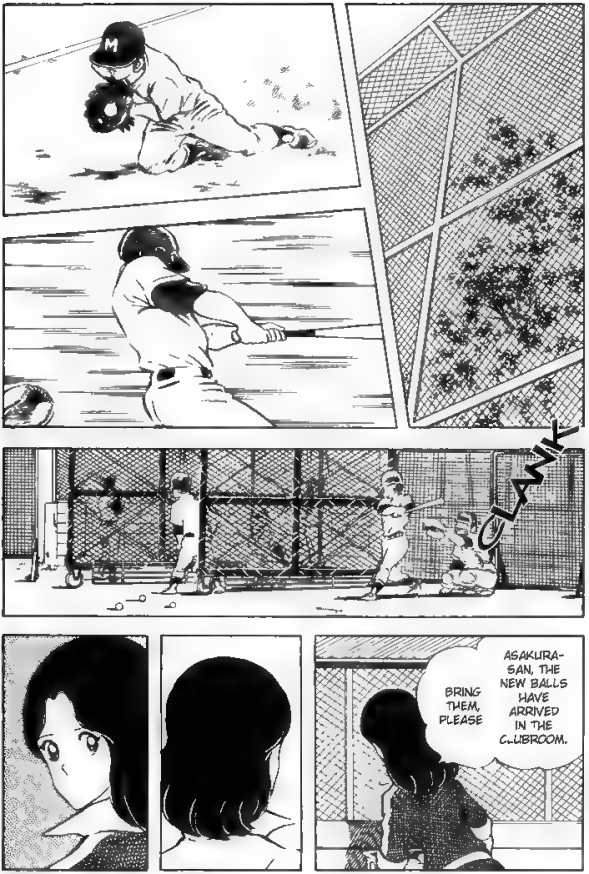
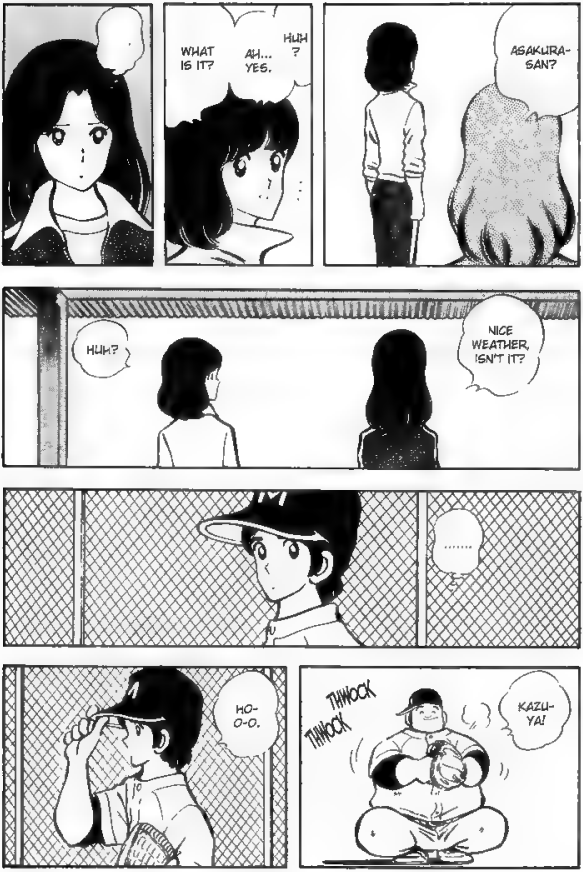




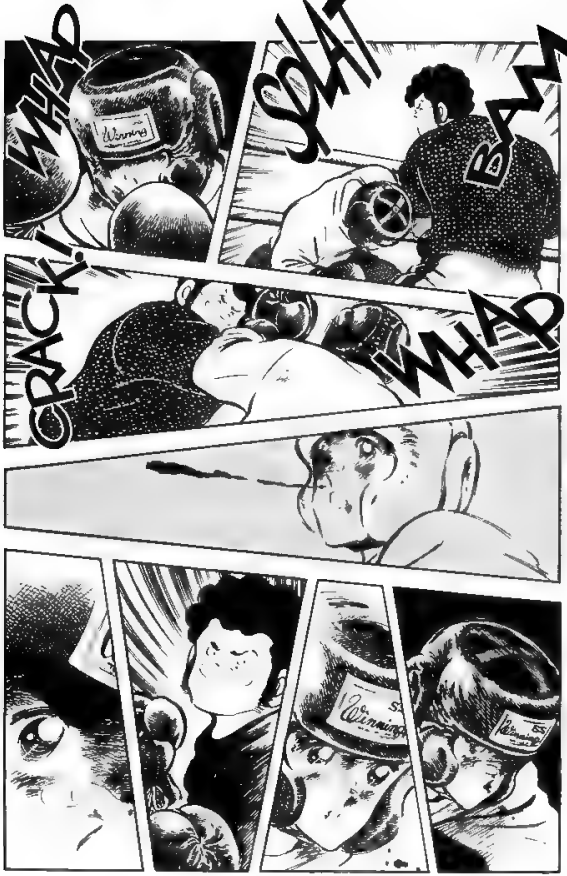

CLANK
ASAKURA-SAN, THE NEW BALLS HAVE ARRIVED IN THE CLUBROOM.
BRING THEM, PLEASE


WHAT IS IT?
AH... YES.
HUH?
ASAKURA-SAN?
HUH?
NICE WEATHER, ISN'T IT?
.....
HO-O-O.
THWOCK THWOCK
KAZU-YA!

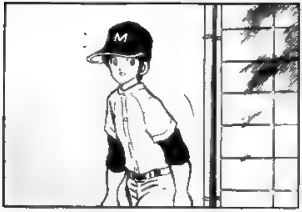
SPLAT
BOXING TEAM

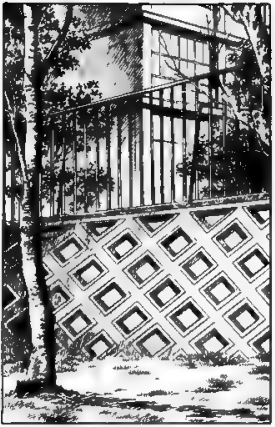
OOPS
OOPS
HEEEEY, JESUS!
RIGHT
BE MY SPARRING PARTNER.
HEH HEH

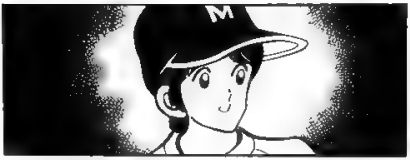
IT'S NO USE WORKING ON YOUR SELF-CONFIDENCE BY USING UESUGI AS A SPARRING PARTNER!
HEY, KUDOU. DON'T BE TOO HARD ON HIM.
FIGHT!
HEH HEH ... I KNOW.
CLANNNG
WHAP
WHAPPETY WHAP

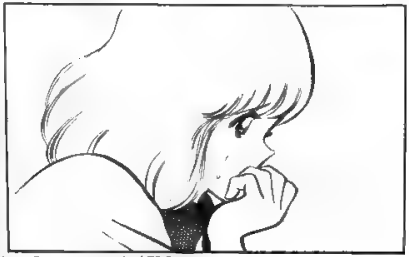

WHAP
SPLAT
BAM!
CRACK!
WHAP

SS
Winning









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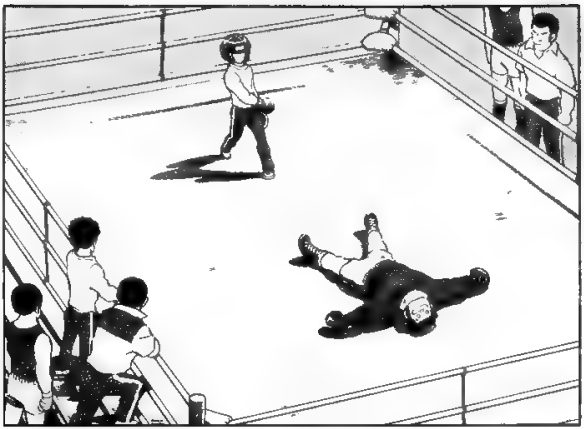

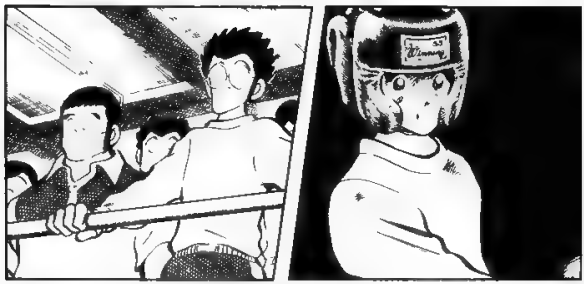

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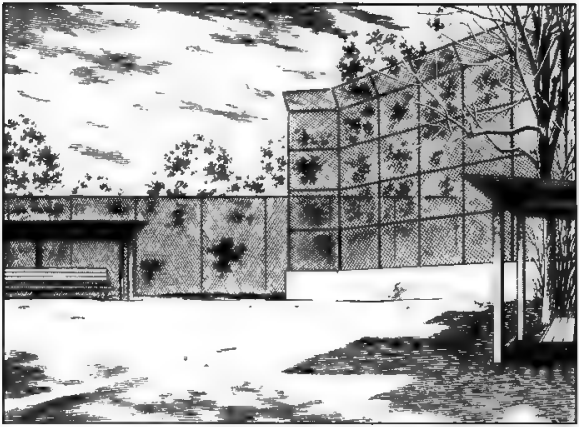
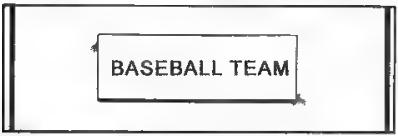
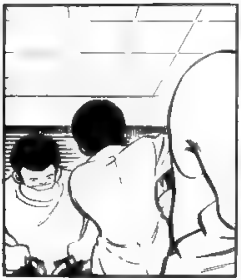
SS
Winning
CREAK...



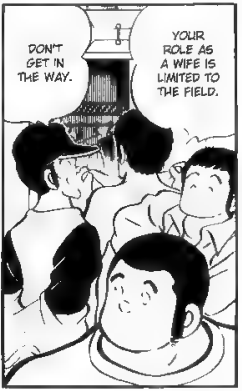

BASEBALL TEAM

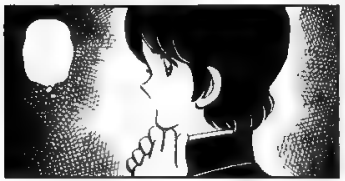


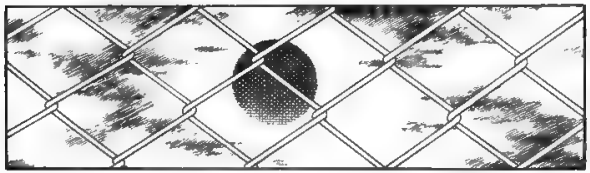
MANAGER ASAKURA, WHO'S WAITING FOR UESUGI, WILL HOLD A GRUDGE!!
THAT'S RIGHT!!
HEY NOW, DON'T BE SO CLUE-LESS

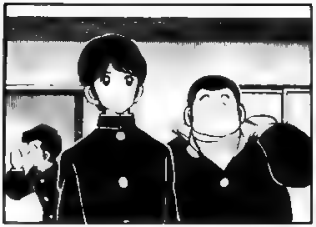
IT'S BEEN A WHILE... WHY DON'T YOU GO OUT WITH ME FOR OKONOMIYAKI OR SOME-THING?
KAZUYA, I'M HUNGRY

OHH, YOU TWO-TIMER.


DON'T GET IN THE WAY.
YOUR ROLE AS A WIFE IS LIMITED TO THE FIELD.







BYE, KAZUYA

HOW MANY YEARS AGO WAS IT...?
HUH?
OH, YES, THAT'S RIGHT.
IT WAS IN THE 6TH GRADE
ANIKI HAD NEARLY DROWNED IN THE SEA, RIGHT...
YEAH
THAT'S RIGHT.
IT WAS THAT TIME.

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ANIKI WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL ...
...AND THE TWO OF US WAITED OUTSIDE ALL THAT TIME, HUH?
HM-HMM
WHAT WAS?
IT WAS AROUND THE END OF JULY.
THE CICADAS WERE MAKING A RACKET...
WHILE WE WERE WAITING ...
...YOU DIDN'T SAY A SINGLE WORD, MINAMI...
YOU WERE WORRIED WITH ALL YOUR HEART OVER ANIKI...

.....

WE FOUND OUT HE WAS GOING TO LIVE..
...AND UNTIL YOU BEGAN SOBBING UNCONTROLLABLY.
...YOU DIDN'T SAY A SINGLE WORD...

BACK THEN
I REMEMBER FEELING GREAT ENVY TOWARDS ANIKI...

I THINK THAT...
...THAT'S PROBABLY TRUE, BUT...
OF COURSE IT IS

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE SAME IF IT HAD HAPPENED TO YOU, KATCHAN.

UH-HUH.

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I KNOW IT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU COMPARE...
I WAS JEALOUS
SURE ENOUGH
BUT, Y'KNOW
'CAUSE YOU DON'T DO THINGS TO MAKE ME WORRY ABOUT YOU.
UNLIKE TATCHAN, YOU DON'T DO BONEHEAD THINGS, KATCHAN...

Uesugi

BANG
BANG

BANG
BANG
BANG
GASP!
OOH!

THUD
TOUCH
YO!
YOU BETTER NOT TALK
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU WERE HIT IN THE HEART.
PRACTICE WAS INTENSE TODAY.
SO I WON'T OVERDO IT.
AH... I SEE.
OHH, YOU'RE DONE ALREADY? STUDYING...
TOUCH

SHE'S STILL STICKING IT OUT, ALL BY HERSELF.
WHERE'S MINAMI?
HMM.
PUNCH
AOOOO

SLACK
TOUCH
KNOCK KNOCK
AHEM.
...
OW.
WHUMP
.....

DID IT HURT?
UCH
UH-HUH.
TODAY, I FLOORED A 3RD-YEAR STUDENT WITH A SINGLE BLOW.
IT SEEMS MY PUNCH PACKS A LOT OF POWER WHEN IT CONNECTS.
I GUESS IT WOULD.
PUNCH

YOU WEREN'T IN THE WRONG, TATCHAN.
WHY ARE YOU APOLOGIZING?
I'M SORRY!
SOMETHING LIKE THAT MUSTN'T BE GIVEN AWAY LIGHTLY TO SOMEONE...
IT'S LIKE YOU SAID, TATCHAN...
I WAS INSENSITIVE.
HUH?
...THEN I WOULDN'T BE APOLOGIZING.
IF THAT WAS THE ONLY REASON I HIT YOU...
TOUCH
I'LL KEEP THAT NOTEBOOK SAFELY, IN REMEMBRANCE.
DUMMY.

HURRY AND FORGET ABOUT IT!
SO PLEASE DON'T HOLD A GRUDGE AGAINST ME!
ANYWAY! I APOLOGIZED!
SO I LOST MY HEAD...
YOU SAW SOMETHING IN ME THAT IS OF NO IMPORTANCE, MINAMI...
AH.
HUH?
SLAM
You're jealous, Tatchan.

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